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Greens back Slyers Lane windfarm

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THE GREENS have shown their support for a windfarm at Slyers Lane, between Dorchester and Charminster.

Party members visited the Slyers Lane site to see for themselves the site being proposed for six turbines more than 100m tall.

Amongst the group were south west Green MEP Molly Scott Cato and Peter Barton, Green Party parliamentary candidate for West Dorset,.

The group looked at the site from Higher Burton Farm.

Said Mr Barton: "The local Green Party is fully in favour of this wind turbine development which will produce electricity equivalent to the annual domestic electricity needs of 6,500 homes or 70% of the households in Dorchester each year.

"In addition, the energy company will provide a guaranteed minimum of £60,000 for the local community for each year of the life of the wind farm as well as offering local residents the chance to buy a stake in the wind farm so that they can benefit from the revenue generated.

"Dorset is lagging behind other counties in the south west in electrical capacity generated by renewables and is falling well short of its aspirational target of meeting 7.5% of its total energy needs from renewables by 2015."

Green MEP Molly Scott Cato added: "The geographical location of the UK means we are blessed with 40% of Europe's potential wind power.

"While other European nations, especially the Danes and the Germans, are benefitting from heavy investment in wind power, the UK falls far short of exploiting wind's full potential.

"Both the Conservatives and UKIP would end any form of subsidy for wind power.

"Here in the South West, a recent report from Regen states that the renewables sector could support up to 34,000 jobs.

"The fifth report of the International Panel on Climate Change sets out in stark terms the urgent need to cut carbon emissions and the immediate need for a massive increase in renewable energy in decarbonising our energy use.

"This proposed development at Higher Burton Farm, gives West Dorset the chance to make an important contribution."

The application has split opinion locally and will come before West Dorset District Council planners in the spring.

■ THE Green Party group at the Slyers Lane site, including West Dorset candidate Peter Barton and South West Green MEP Molly Scott Cato (right of picture)

Arts gala at Corn Exchange

The 30th anniversary of Dorchester Arts is being celebrated in style.

The Pearl Gala, on Friday, February 27th, will be hosted by BBC presenter Steve Harris and will look back at the past 30 years and also to the future.

Fundraising and development officer Karen Malim said: "The Pearl Gala is Dorchester Arts' first major fundraising event and will launch us into our next growth phase - it's going to be an evening to remember."

The evening will also feature live music from gypsy swing band Gypsy Fire, who sold out on their last visit to Dorchester, and an auction led by Garry Batt of Duke's Auctioneers. Dukes will offer a host of impressive lots including a pair of shoes and a handbag used by Gwyneth Paltrow and a Coldplay-signed drumskin and photo.

Also on offer will be a weekend package for two at an inn in the south west courtesy of Hall & Woodhouse, a signed print by Gerald Scarfe, a day's fishing with tuition on the River Frome, an original old painting by Dorset based artist Fernando Velazquez, tea for two at Westminster with West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin, a night for two in a London hotel, a master class with Dorset author Minette Walters, a tour of a stately home with lunch and a tandem flight in a paraglider.

The main sponsor of the event is British Solar Renewables. Other businesses supporting the night include Smith and Williamson, The Watercress Company, RiskSTOP, Domineys Cottages, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Sculpture by the Lakes, Cote Brasserie and Hall & Woodhouse.

Dorchester Arts sell more than 7,000 tickets every year and 4,000 people are involved in classes. Last year more than 4,000 people attended events at the biennial festival.

Tickets cost £45 for individuals or £425 for a table of ten.

Call (01305) 266926 or visit dorchesterarts.org.uk.

Dorset jobless rates among UK's lowest

JOBLESS rates in Dorset remain amongst the lowest in the country, a recent report states.

Department of Work and Pensions' figures show that Dorset had 8,000 unemployed people in January 2014, but this year the number has dropped to 5,385.

In west Dorset there were 560 people claiming Job Seekers' Allowance in January 2014, now down to 365, while in Weymouth and Portland there were 1,045 people claiming the allowance a year ago – a figure which has since fallen to 750.

Claimants over the age of 50 were down in both areas; from 130 to 100 in west Dorset and from 230 to 160 in Weymouth and Portland.

For younger people there is also better news. West Dorset had 160 18-24 year olds claiming a year ago. That figure is now down to 95. Weymouth and Portland's figures have gone from 290 to 210.

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WEYMOUTH Cricket Club chairman John Ryan was born in Weymouth, went to Portland Secondary Modern School and worked as a chef at Slingers restaurant before doing 11 years in Portland Dockyard as a caterer for Royal Marine Auxiliary Service ships.

He was then assistant manager at Weymouth and Portland Snooker Club for seven years before winding up as a finance officer with Dorset County Council.

● WHY do you live in Weymouth?
Because I love being beside the sea and I go swimming a lot. Living on The Esplanade you have to!

● WHERE do you go for your holidays?
Funnily enough, I tend to go inland for my holidays, usually to London for sporting events. If I want some sun I go to Tenerife.

● WHAT is your favourite time of the year?
Summer because of the cricket. I love the sport and always have.

● WHAT is your favourite film?
Well, science fiction in general and Star Wars in particular because it just made such an impression on me when I saw it as a teenager.

● WHAT is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?
I was in a hot rod car getting a lift back in Florida from Coco Beach to Orlando. We were doing 150mph down a freeway when hot oil began to leak on to my back, but I was too frightened to tell the hillbilly who was driving. No seat belts!

● IF you could live your life again what would you be?
I would love to have been a professional golfer. I played golf a bit when I was younger but never took it further.

● WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?
Kim Cattrall the actress because she's a Liverpool fan and so am I, Muhammad Ali because he was an icon when I was younger and because he has fought adversity and still does. Lastly I'd invite Gordon Greenidge, the West Indian Test batsman, because I used to go and watch Hampshire and he was the one who made me interested in the sport.

If you're interested in taking part in the 60 Second Interview, contact Francesca Evans on 01297 446154 or email francesca@pemedia.co.uk

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Free seminar about property lettings

A SEMINAR about the effects on the local economy of the property lettings market is being held in Dorchester next month.

Four of west Dorset's leading businesses are getting together for the seminar about the local property lettings market and how it is affected by recent legislation changes.

CB Reid Accountants, DOMVS Property Specialists, HouseMartin mortgages and Pengillys solicitors have joined forces give up to date information on opportunities and pitfalls, landlords obligations, funding and the various turn-key services available.

The event will be held at Kingston Maurward College on Thursday, March 19th.

To register for the free breakfast and seminar contact Debbie Turner on Dorchester (01305) 757300 or email debbie.turner@domvs.co.uk.

Hold very tight please: Weymouth Avenue buses are back in business

BUS STOPS in Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester are back in use again and the town services are, once again, running on their usual routes.

Buses have been diverted since early January as work got underway to replace a half-mile of gas pipes in the road.

Southern Gas say the mains replacement work is part of a £450,000 project to ensure a safe and reliable gas supply to the area. It is being carried out in nine phases with the works heading south towards Maumbury Rings and eventually the junctions with Edward Road and Queen's Avenue, when one-way traffic lights will again be put in place.

Existing metal pipes are being replaced with with plastic (polyethylene) pipe, which has a minimum lifespan of 80 years.

Firefighters on strike

The ongoing dispute over pensions has seen two days of industrial action from Dorset fire fighters this week.

Members of the Fire Brigade's Union were on picket lines from 7.00am on Wednesday, February 25th to 7.00am on Thursday, February 26th.

Dorset Fire and Rescue say that cover during the strike was being provided by non-striking firefighters and retained staff.

"Dorset will use its large proportion of retained (on-call) firefighters to provide cover. We will also request assistance from non-striking firefighters, from neighbouring counties in the normal way if they are available and should we need them," said a statement.

It continues: "During industrial action, we will still respond to 999 calls as we normally do.

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Gold tourism award for Sculpture by the Lakes

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The 26-acre park is open to the public and provides a unique and tranquil backdrop for the sculptures.

Sculpture by the Lakes has also been selected to represent the region in the National Visit England Awards.

Founder and sculptor, Simon Gudgeon, says: "We feel very honoured to have won gold. My team works with great creativity and passion, and we couldn't have won without their hard work."

Sculpture by the Lakes, at Pallington, near Tincleton, is described as one of Britain's most unique sculpture parks and has recently opened a new gallery.

Police seek witnesses for catering burglary

POLICE in Dorchester are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to come forward after a burglary at a catering business on one of the town's industrial estates.

Roberts Catering Company on The Grove Trading Estate was broken into between 3.00pm on Saturday, February 14th and 6.30am on Monday 16th.

Offenders stole a number of items including a trolley jack, a Karcher pressure washer and over 60 large tins of coffee and hot chocolate.

Police Constable Matthew Such, of Dorchester police, said: "I am appealing to anyone with information about the incident or who may have seen suspicious activity in the area at the relevant times to please call me.

"I am also keen to hear from anyone who may have been offered for sale any of the items that were stolen in this burglary.

"All calls will be treated in strict confidence."

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PAMELA MALLETT

Peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on Friday 20th February 2015 aged 76 years. Beloved partner of Richard, mother of Lindsey, Stephen, Julian, Matthew & Rebecca, mother to Stuart & Andrea, grandmother of Emma, Beth & Will, Joe & Casey, Alfie, Chelsea & Olivia, Max & Daniel, Ellie & Thomas, Libby & Chloe, great grandmother to George, Isabel & Frank. Funeral service to take place at Weymouth Crematorium on Wednesday 11th March at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund c/o AJ Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3HR or online at www.ajwakely.com

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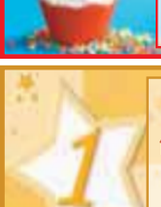
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Loss of Dorset wildlife sites causes concern

A MANAGED and species-rich grassland SNCI in West Dorset *© Mark James*

SCRUB smothers the more interesting species when a site is unmanaged *© Mark James*

A NEW report about local wildlife aites around the UK has revealed that the habitat quality of 118 (9%) of wildlife sites have deteriorated significantly in the last five years.

Dorset Environmental Records Centre (DERC) records also show that in the last 10 years, 34 local wildlife sites - sites of nature conservation Interest (SNCIs) in Dorset) have been wholly or partially destroyed.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) contributed to the report, 'Secret Spaces', which describes a variety of reasons why wildlife sites are lost or damaged, including development, re-planting , and use of fertilisers.

Many sites, such as heathland and unimproved grassland, become smothered in scrub and bracken, which contributes to degradation of the wildlife habitat if left unmanaged.

DWT's SNCI manager, Sharron Abbott said: "There are lots of good quality wildlife sites in Dorset, but many are at risk from neglect,.

"Many of these sites are overlooked, but in fact have high quality habitat for a variety of wildlife and are our 'secret spaces'.

"A local wildlife site could include a churchyard or village green, so it is very important they are cared for."

Sharron added, "DWT recognises that many landowners are already working hard to maintain and protect these sites, but this is increasingly difficult due to the reduction in government grants to farmers and landowners to enable them to do this."

If you want to find out more about how to care for a local wildlife space in Dorset, contact DWT's Sharron Abbott on 01305 264620.

Have your say on the joint local plan

FOLLOWING the sessions into the joint West Dorset and Weymouth Local Plan in November and December last year, both West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council are recommending a number of main modifications to the Local Plan. These will be subject to a six week period of public consultation ending on Wednesday, April 8th.

The modifications cover minor changes to the plan and pick up on various issues which were considered at the examination. At this stage both councils are only seeking comments on the suggested changes to the plan, not to the plan as a whole.

At the same time, the councils are also inviting people to submit their views on new household projections due to be published by Communities and Local Government on February 26th.

At the next stage all comments will be sent to the Inspector who will consider them before issuing his final report. Providing his report is positive, both councils will be able to adopt the plan later in the year.

Leader of West Dorset District Council, Cllr Anthony Alford said: "Creating plans can be a lengthy process involving many stages of public discussion and consultation.

"It's great to see that we are getting closer to a fully adopted plan."

Weymouth & Portland Borough Council Management Committee chairman Councillor Mike Byatt said: "The main modifications consultation is an important part of this process and I am sure that those of you who have been following the plan's progress closely will want to have a look at these final changes."

The blood of Churchill to be auctioned

A FEW drops of blood taken from Sir Winston Churchill are being sold at a Dorchester auction.

The sample was collected in 1962 when Churchill was at The Middlesex Hospital being treated for a fractured hip.

Then student nurse, Patricia Fitzgibbon, asked if she could keep the small glass tube that was labelled 'Sir Winston S Churchill WWB9', and her request was granted.

Following her death it is to be offered for sale at Duke's of Dorchester on March 12th.

In 1962, Churchill, aged 87, was holidaying in Monte Carlo when he reportedly fell out of his bed, sustaining a fractured hip. He was flown back to London in an RAF VC10 at the request of the Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

During several weeks recuperating in the Woolavington Wing for private patients, the phial of blood was taken.

His recovery was slow as he contracted bronchitis and pneumonia which in turn led to thrombosis. It was widely expected that he would not survive the ordeal.

The blood was about to be thrown away when nurse Fitzgibbon was given permission to keep the 7cm-long tube.

In 2010 she recalled that, despite the severity of his injury, Churchill remained steadfast throughout his stay.

She wrote: "While the ward sister generally kept nurses out of his room, I did have occasional duties to carry out.

"I remember that he would never settle at night until after he had read the first edition of all the daily newspapers which he had specially delivered.

"He habitually smoked cigars in bed… [and] regularly mixed the first and second courses of his meal into one bowl before eating it."

The blood, taken three years before Churchill's death, is for sale with an estimate of £300 to £600.

Timothy Medhurst from Duke's said: "It is impossible to put an accurate estimate on this unique piece of history.

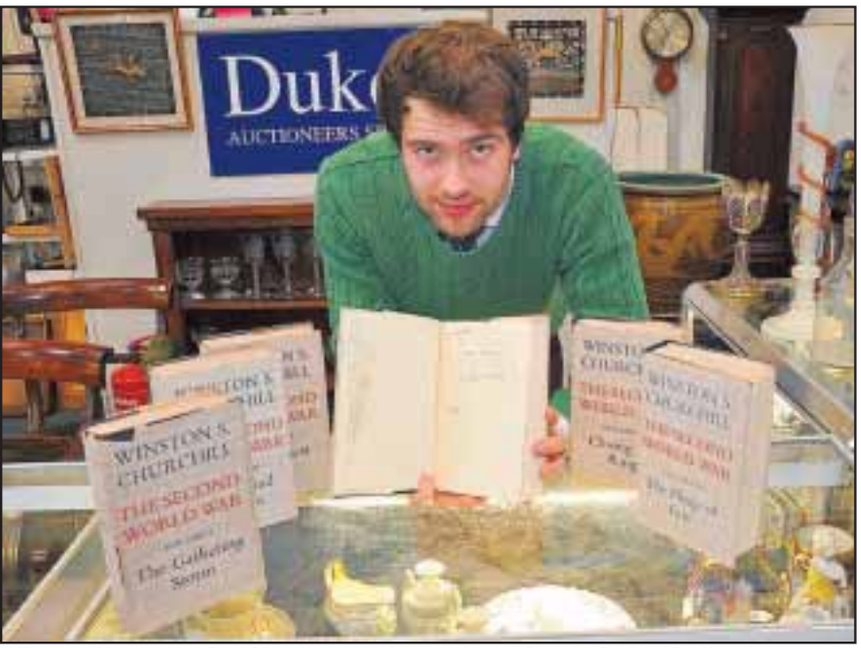
"There are just a couple of drops in the phial that is clearly labelled. "At the time this blood was taken Churchill had already experienced a catalogue of injuries, so to have another devastating injury occur at such an age was a real threat.

"The blood will be sold together with a signed declaration by Patricia Fitzgibbon detailing the circumstances in which she acquired the phial.

"It is probably the first time that such a personal piece of Churchill's history has been offered on the open market.

"This year marks the 50 year anniversary of Churchill's death. The blood is a poignant reminder of an injury which marked the beginning of the end for Churchill so we expect there to be great interest in it. It could sell for thousands."

Also in the sale are a set of Churchill's 'The Second World War' books, which he has inscribed as a gift for Mabel Johnson, who worked with Lady Spencer Churchill during the war. These have an estimate of £4,000 to £8,000.



■ Timothy Medhurst of Duke's auctioneers with the phial of Churchill's blood (top) and the inscribed copies of his 'Second World War' (above)

Council rejects Great Field plans

Controversial plans for five large homes on the edge of the Great Field have been rejected by local councillors.

District council planners rejected the application from company Zero C after hearing about the likely impact the executive homes would have on neighbours and the loss of recreational space.

Residents from nearby homes had written complaining of the effects on their properties. The committee heard that the site had not been earmarked for development in the original development brief for the area.

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Local students invited to decorate Salisbury cathedral

Students from Kingston Maurward college will be adding their floral decorations to a celebration in September at Salisbury cathedral in honour of the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, one of the four copies of which is held in the building.

Kingston Maurward floristry students will be helping to illustrate phrases from the Magna Carta using floral displays designed by top floral designer Angela Turner, and put together by students.

The phrases the students will be depicting are 'marriage' and 'funeral' in a bold red and white against a dramatic black background.

Floristry student Annie Ring said: "It's great to get the chance to be creative in a real project and to be able to represent the college too."

Kingston Maurward college was approached by organisers looking for a reputable education provider to take part in the festival, and not surprisingly, the college leapt at the chance.

Floristry tutor Tracey Nadin said: "This is a huge honour for us to have been approached to take part in such a prestigious and historical event.

"We are delighted to be involved. It gives the students the opportunity to contribute to a really worthwhile, exciting and memorable event."

All flowers and materials will be provided for the students who will set up the display, alongside 400 other participants, on Monday, September 14th ready for the festival 15th-20th September.

For more information about the flower festival visit www.salisburycathedral.org.uk.

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Have a bash at croquet

AN OPEN event is being planned at Kingston Maurward in April for those who want to try their hand at croquet.

The college club will hold the event from 2.00pm until 4.00pm on Sunday, April 12th, and it will be followed by a course for beginners which start on Saturday, April 18th.

The club has a membership of differing ambitions and ability from those who want to play socially to those who are working on their coaching qualifications.

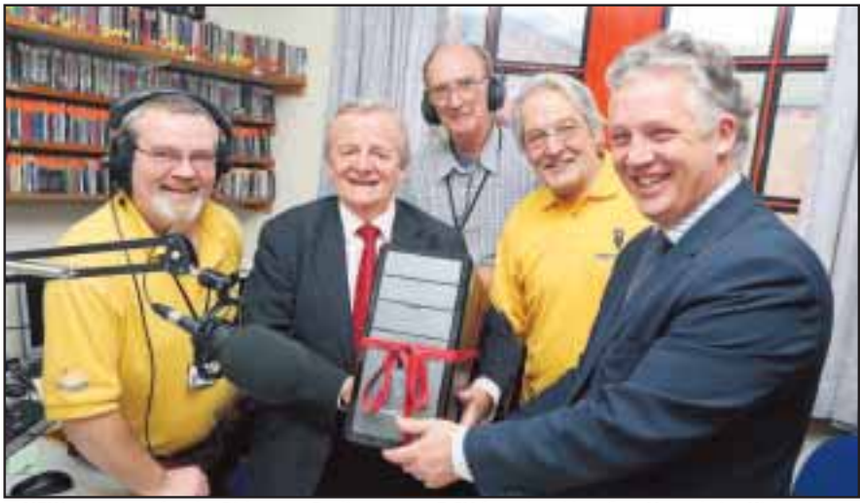
Club chairman Jeremy Marshall has been recognized for his service to croquet by the Croquet Association and another relatively new member is now an official croquet referee.

A new fun tournament was introduced with the prize of the Casterbridge Cup, donated by a couple of members during the past season.

The club lawns open for the season on the last Sunday of March or first Sunday of April, depending on their state at the time.

If you would like further information about the open event or joining the club, please phone Ian on (01305) 753566.

■ CROQUET underway at Kingston Maurward's last open day



■ NEW computer for the Ridgeway Radio team at DCH from local law firm Humphries Kirk

New computer for hospital radio

DORSET and Somerset law firm, Humphries Kirk, has donated a new computer to Ridgeway Radio which broadcasts to Dorset County Hospital patients.

The service, which started in 1966, is run by volunteers and relies on financial support from private and business contributors. The new computer will be used by the station presenters.

Barry White, marketing consultant at Humphries Kirk and co-presenter of the 'North, South, East and West', programme on Ridgeway Radio, said: "The station is valued by the patients at and we are delighted to be able to supply them with a brand new computer to help with their programming. Our shows aim to brighten up patients' days with amusing anecdotes and an eclectic selection of music."

In addition to co-presenting 'North, South, East and West', which airs on Tuesday mornings, Barry runs a legal advice slot called 'Legal Eagles' every Wednesday from noon to 12.30pm, when patients can hear advice on a range of legal topics.

Ridgeway Radio requested five new computers to replace ageing studio equipment. Programme presenter and member of the station's fundraising team, John Shepherd, explained that Dorchester businesses have supported the appeal.

He said: "Our task at Ridgeway Radio is to bring the outside world into the hospital and to inform and entertain patients.

"We're really grateful for the support of benefactors like Humphries Kirk, enabling us to keep on air 24-hours a day.

"We provide a truly local flavour to patients and we still need funding to continue to do this.

"We need to replace other items of equipment and would like to hear from any businesses interested in supporting us."

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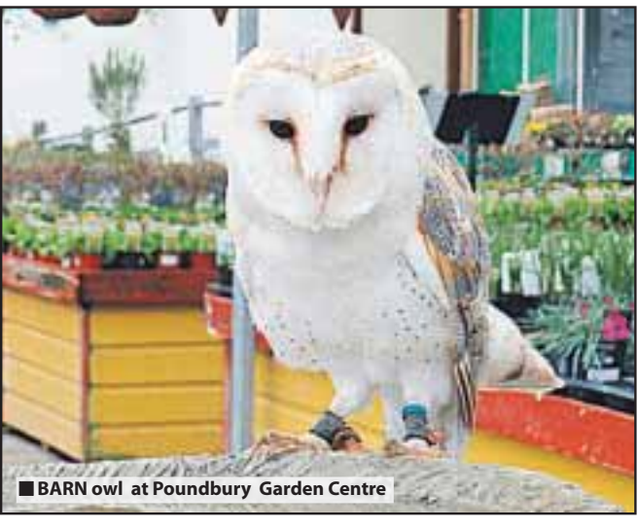
Hundreds have a hoot at Poundbury

HUNDREDS of wildlife enthusiasts flocked to Owl Day during the February half term, a free event held at The Gardens Group's three garden centres, Brimsmore Gardens in Yeovil, Poundbury Gardens near Dorchester and Castle Gardens in Sherborne.

With three magnificent birds of prey on display, including Barney, the European Eagle Owl, Bracken, the Tawny and Breeze the Barn Owl, all brought by Sharandys Birds of Prey, gardeners of all ages eagerly awaited their chance to hold these captivating creatures.

Fran Powell from The Gardens Group, explains: "Owls are absolutely fascinating and it's great to have the chance to get up close to them as they are not easy to catch sight of in the wild.

"The three dedicated owl days were extremely popular again this year and we would like to thank Sharon Banks from Sharandys Birds of Prey for bringing the owls to each of our centres."



■ BARN owl at Poundbury Garden Centre

■ SPRING IS IN THE AIR AT POUNDBURY this week with daffodils coming into bud along Middle Farm Way. The Duchy of Cornwall estate verges also boasts displays of snowdrops and, at The Grove, hundreds of daffodils, planted by Rotary, are now in bloom.

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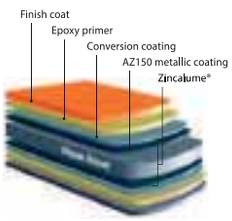

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Chequemates: raising money for good causes

£3,700 raised by Magpies for services charities

A cheque for almost £3,700 has been handed to services charities, the profits from a charity match at the Magpies' ground between the town football club and an army side.

Funds were also boosted by displays and stalls at the ground, including a replica tank brought along for the evening by the Bovington Tank Museum.

The First World War commemoration match was held in the run-up to Christmas to mark the occasion when soldiers from British and German trenches laid down their weapons to play football in no-man's land.

The Dorchester evening raised £3,694 for two military charities, one dealing with the psychological consequences of war, Combat Stress (currently helping more than 5,600 servicemen and women), and the other dealing with those, aged between 19 and 99 years, who have to live with a physical disability as a result of combat, the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association.

An additional £100 was raised for the Royal British Legion by a raffle on the night.

£2,500 from Magna to Maiden Newton's children's centre

DORCHESTER based Magna Housing Association has given £2,500 for a Maiden Newton children's centre.

The money will be used to help extend the service offered by three separate groups for young people in the village.

Plans have been agreed to extend the Sure Start Centre to provide a home for all the groups.

The Youth and Community Centre, which was put up in 1947 as a temporary building, is home to the village Pre-School and Bouncing Beanz groups. The third group, the Maiden Newton Toddler Group, is based at the Sure Start centre where permission has now been granted for an extension.

The umbrella body overseeing all three groups, the Maiden Newton Childcare Provision Committee, is now hoping to see work start on the extension in the summer.

■ **Dorset heathland: the CPRE warns it could be at risk from development** *Photos © John Larkin*

Hardy's heathlands at risk

A CONSULTATION about the future protection of Dorset's heathland has just over two weeks left to run.

The heaths, made famous by Thomas Hardy, and one of the county's largest natural features, are protected by a healthland planning framework which shapes policies for the areas still covered by natural heathland.

Poole Borough Council is coordinating the joint consultation on the protection of the heath, which ends on March 13th.

Amongst the items being looked at is the 400m heathland protection zone which safeguards land up to that distance beyond recognised heath.

Dorset Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is calling for all the councils involved to protect the heaths and to maintain the 400m protection zone. It warns that Purbeck district council has warned that it might override the protection in areas which it believes could benefit from additional housing.

Stephen Howard, Chairman of Dorset CPRE, said: "Since the 19th century, 80% of England's lowland heath has been lost to development, forestry and farming.

"What remains is largely here in Dorset; the Dorset heaths which were immortalised by Thomas Hardy as 'Egdon Heath' and has inspired painters including JMW Turner.

"Purbeck and all the councils should be proud to be the guardians of the rare and important heath-land areas, and recognise the need to protect them.

"We in CPRE are astonished that the Planning Inspector was able to recommend additional housebuilding in Purbeck well beyond any demonstrable level of local need.

"CPRE supports the provision of affordable housing for local people, housing which is well-designed and in appropriate locations. However, neither the Inspector nor Purbeck District Council seem to have due regard to the designation of much of Purbeck as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty nor its inclusion within the proposed Dorset & East Devon National Park."

Local people can contribute to the review by emailing: planning@poole.gov.uk, giving the subject 'Heath-land SPD', or write, for the attention of: Planning and Regeneration Services, Borough of Poole, Civic Centre, Poole, BH15 2RU.

New road works on A354

Work started this week on new signs on a main road between Dorchester and Weymouth.

They will give messages to drivers using the A354 route about car parking, traffic delays and general safety messages.

Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE) started laying a power supply on Monday, February 23rd with cyclists using the cycle path being escorted through the works.

Delays to drivers can be expected later when temporary traffic lights will be put in place between 9.30am and 3.30pm on the two-lane section of the road. Advisory speed limits will also be in place to protect the workforce.

The work will take a total of ten days to complete.

Tea party for RVS

SIXTH formers at the Thomas Hardye School are organising a tea party for volunteers and clients of the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) in Dorchester on Monday, March 10th.

The students have been planning and organising the event for several weeks, including fundraising and providing all the decorations and refreshments. They will also be hosting the event, serving refreshments, providing some musical entertainment, and spending time with their visitors for a 'tea and a chat'.

The RVS in Dorchester has invited its volunteers and clients, and are providing transport for those attending if needed.

Library offers RVS delivery service

Help is being offered in the Dorchester area by the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), for people who have difficulties visiting the county town library.

Dorchester library has a team of dedicated RVS volunteers who are able to visit on a regular basis, delivering books at home, free of charge. Large print books and talking books can also be delivered.

The service is funded by Dorset Library Service, and is available across Dorset to anyone who cannot easily get to their local library. It can be provided on a temporary basis as well as long term.

All Royal Voluntary Service volunteers are DBS checked and receive ongoing training and support.

The Royal Voluntary Service can also provide a befriending service and help with transport or shopping.

If you are interested in receiving or volunteering for the please contact Maria Jacobson, Royal Voluntary Service Manager, Dorset Home Library Service, on 07786 635154 or (01305) 236666, or email: Maria.Jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

Thomas Hardye sports hall unwrapped

THE covers are now off. After months of being covered with scaffolding, work is now nearing completion on a £2.2million renovation of the former Thomas Hardye School sports hall.

The hall, once part of the old sports centre, is being refurbished to include a new roof covering, external brickwork and new sports flooring. The project also involves an extension to the changing rooms and showers.

The hall will re-open to the public and the school in the autumn and will also be available to users from the adjoining 1610 Sport Centre when not in use by the school.

The original hall was built in the late 1900s and was previously part of the old Thomas Hardye leisure centre, which was replaced by the £8million Dorchester Sports Centre in 2012.

Who is the best independent retailer in town?

THE HUNT is on for the best retailer in the town.

Dorchester's first Independent Retail Awards are a joint initiative between the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement District (BID) and will be held on Friday, March 20th, the first of their kind to be held in Dorchester.

Entrants are currently being visited by a mystery shopper as part of the judging process.

There are five catetories and the winner in each of the five categories will be the local business the offers the best service within their category.

Said Nigel Reeve of Marketing West which designed the new logo: "The awards are clearly proving very popular with entries already full.

"We have helped produce the launch leaflet to get businesses on board, while we are now working on the design of the event itself.

"It's going to be a very special evening."

Dorchester Independent Retail Awards 2015

News in brief...

■ FREE BIKE SECURITY MARKING is on offer by the police Safer Neighbourhood team this Saturday, February 28th at Dorchester library from 1.00pm till 3.00pm.

Officers say the marking greatly improves the chances or re-uniting a stolen machine with its owner should the bike be stolen and can also act as a deterrent to those thinking of taking a cycle.

■ A 'CASH FOR KIDS' FUNDRAISER will be held at Dorchester Rugby Club this Thursday evening.

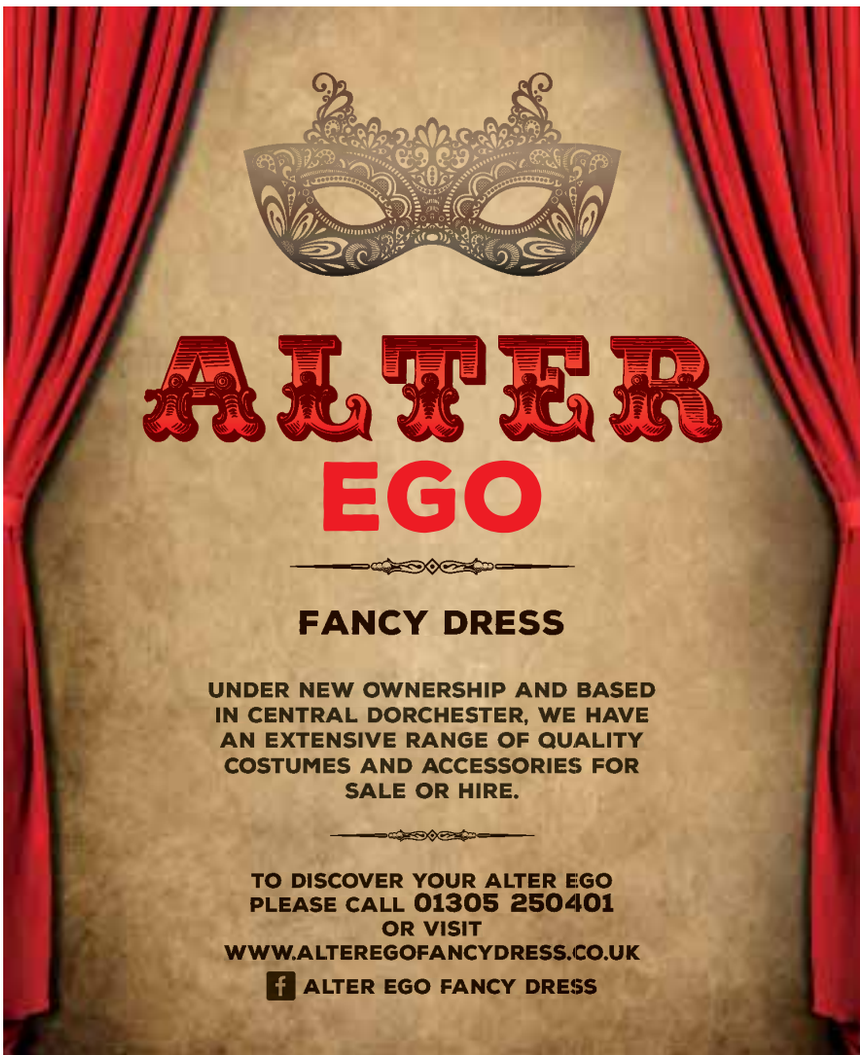
The February 26th event will include an auction and a true or false game designed for teams of a maximum of six people. Entry costs £5 per person.

■ PEOPLE SUFFERING SIGHT LOSS and their family or friends are invited to a support course at Dorchester Fire Station in March.

Called 'Finding Your Feet', the course is being run on March 11th and 12th by Action for Blind People.

Dorset has almost 2,500 people registered as blind or partially sighted. More information about the course can be obtained by calling the charity's regional office in Salisbury on (01722) 345440, or by emailing: Salisbury@ actionforblindpeople.org.uk.

■ CASTERBRIDGE SPEAKERS meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Wessex Royal Hotel in High West Street, Dorchester between 7.15pm and 9.30pm, to hold competitions and coaching. You can find out more by emailing info@casterbridgespeakers.org.uk or calling 0843 289 2142.



News in brief...

■ AGE UK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS in Dorchester to join its Information and Advice team to provide help to older people and carers.

Vacant slots are available on Tuesday mornings and Wednesdays afternoons. Volunteers interview clients, identify and research information, act on clients' behalf, help with letter writing, provide information with options and identifying action. Those who are able to help should have basic computer skills.

Contact Peter Lindsley on Dorchester (01305) 269444 or email: peter@ageukdorchester.org.uk.

■ THREE NEW BUSES are to take their place on services in and around Dorchester.

Damory has bought the vehicles for the 1, 2 and 101 routes as well as the R71 Lyme Regis and R40 Bridport routes.

Company managing director Andew Wickham says the new vehicles will offer better performance and lower pollution levels.

■ PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR A NEW BOOK CLUB in Dorchester.

The group will have monthly meetings on a weekday evening. A Facebook page has been set up at www.facebook.com/dorchesterbookclub with further information also available by emailing dorchesterbookclub@gmail.com or calling 079581 34274.

■ DORCHESTER TOWN FC COMMUNITY FUN DAY is being switched from the May bank holiday to Sunday, June 21st.

Offers of help or information for those who would like to have a stall at the event can be obtained from David Read on 077806 86746.

Old Hardyeans celebrate their 110th anniversary

■ THE first annual dinner of the Old Hardyeans in 1905

OLD Hardyeans gather in Dorchester next month for their Annual Reunion Dinner, celebrating the 110th anniversary of their founding in 1905.

Alumni from the former Dorchester Grammar School for Girls and Dorchester Secondary Modern School are being invited to share in the celebrations and make the event into an all Dorchester school reunion.

"The old boys of Hardye's School have a well-established organisation which has supported them for 110 years," says Old Hardyeans' secretary Michel Hooper-Immins,

"In recent years we have encouraged former students of Thomas Hardye School to join us and now we are casting the net wider to encompass the other two secondary schools in the county town. Let's make it a grand event reuniting them all."

The Annual Reunion Dinner is being held at the King's Arms Hotel on the evening of Saturday, March 21st. All the early meetings of the Old Grammarians were held at the King's Arms Hotel and the group has a photograph showing author Thomas Hardy and Sir Frederick Treves as guests of the Old Grammarians in the Casterbridge Room around 1910.

The cost of the three-course dinner is £21 and bookings must be made by March 7th. The menu and further information are available at: www.hardyeansclub.com.

Enquiries to Alan Brown at (01202) 535034 or email: alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com.

■ LORD Knight of Weymouth with Dorset Studio School pupils

Conservation skills on show in the woods

STUDENTS at Dorset Studio School demonstrated their wildlife conservation skills to Lord Knight of Weymouth during a visit to the Kingston Maurward college site.

The school teaches vocational land-based studies to young people aged between 13 and 19 alongside traditional GCSEs in maths, English and science.

Since November the students have been working on a dormouse protection project. Dormice are an endangered species but still evident in Dorset, which led the students embarked on ambitious project to increase the local dormouse population by building and placing dormice boxes around the college campus.

Lord Knight said: "It has been very exciting to visit Dorset Studio School today.

"It's the students who tell you the real story and having talked to some of them today it is clear that the learning is extremely relevant and they are clearly enjoying themselves.

"It's fantastic to see the construction of their new building and the great facilities they have at Kingston Maurward College. It's a nice marriage of a school with a college."

Student Georgia Bowerman explained to Lord Knight the different skills used on the project.

She said: "We learnt about the habitat of the dormouse, what could be done to help increase the population and then used maths and construction skills to create 40 boxes as well as working out how much the boxes would cost."

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■ WEST DORSET HUMANISTS meet this Thursday, February 26th, at the Wessex Royale Hotel in High West Street, starting at 7.30pm.

The evening will include an illustrated presentation on humanist schools in Africa and India, given by David Warden, Chair of Dorset Humanists.

Entry is £3. Everyone is welcome.

For more details visit www.westdorsethumanists.org or email westdorsethumanists@hotmail.com or ring 07810 360700 or 07411 077058.

■ DORSET CANCER PATIENT GROUP will hold an open day in Dorchester next week for those who want to discover more about local cancer services.

The event, on Saturday, February 28th at the Dorford Centre, will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm and include presentations by the group at half past each hour.

For more information, visit www.dorsetcancerpatient.org

■ A POTATO DAY AND SEED FAIR will be held in Maiden Newton on Saturday 28th from 10.30am in the village hall, hosted by the village Allotment Association.

Around 80 varieties of potato will be on offer with a range of seeds to buy with the hall also hosting an exhibition of local arts and crafts and refreshments. Free admission.

■ CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU will be offering advice at the Crossways medical centre every Tuesday morning from 9.30am until 12.30.

The experts are able to offer assistance and information on benefits, housing, employment, debt, family matters and other issues.

For an appointment please telephone the surgery on Dorchester (01305) 854355.

■ **HEAVY horses used to transport felled trees at Prime Coppice, Whitchurch Canonicorum. This picture is featured in 'Woodland Portraits' which will be screened on March 4th**

Climate week events in and around Dorchester

A SERIES of events are being held in and around Dorchester in the coming days for Climate Week 2015.

The events are being organised by the Communities Living Sustainably group and include a showing of the documentary 'Voices of Transition' at the county museum on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7.30pm with a discussion following the screening.

On Wednesday, March 4th, an event is being held in South Street from 11.00am until 3.00pm which will feature, among other things, the chance to pedal the energy bike to win prizes and to sign up for the 'I do' challenge which includes the prize of a meal for two.

Dorchester Arts Centre is the venue for 'Stories of Change' on Thursday, March 5th from 7.30pm when local people will share stories about how they became interested in living more sustainably.

The evening offers a chance to join in with Artspark's giant board game and to see short films including Forkbeard Fantasy's 'Carbon Weevils'.

On March 19th there will be a 'Make More, Use Less Workshop' at Athelhampton House that will help your business to save money and reduce your environmental impact.

More details and a leaflet about the events can be found at www.clsdorset.org.uk/Climate-Week-2015.

All the events are free, but some require booking in advance to be guaranteed a place.

News in brief...

■ THE DORCHESTER-BAYEUX SOCIETY, which was was formed more than half a century ago, is inviting new members to join it.

The link between the two towns was formed when soldiers from the Dorset Regiment liberated the French town from occupation in June 1944. Annual visits are usually held in September with other, informal, visits throughout the year.

For more information contact chairman Athony Thorpe on 01305 852640.

■ A WRITING WORKSHOP, with author, Tracy Baines, is being held at Dorchester Library and Learning Centre on Saturday, February 28th February from 10.00am to 3.30pm and costs £45.

"As well as getting your thoughts and notes organised you will also discuss structure, character, setting, description, plot and dialogue,"said Tracy.

For more information visit www.getwritingkeepwriting.co.uk or call 07917 652 049.

■ THE U3A MONTHLY MEETING will take place on Monday, March 2nd at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road North.
Coffee will be served at 10.00am and the meeting will start at 10.30am.
The speaker will be Gordon Bartlet who will talk about 'Music in every Home: How it all Began'. New members are welcome
For further details visit the U3A website at www.dorchesteru3a.org.uk.

■ A COLLECTION OF NEWSPAPER, magazines and directories is being held at West Stafford Hall on Wednesday, March 4th, until 1.00pm, to raise money for the local scouts. Contributors are asked to leave their donations in the hall porch.

News in brief...

■ A NEW 'NEIGHBOURS GROUP' is being started in Dorchester for people to work together for a greener future, helping to save money on fuel bills.

The Transition Together group is now starting a group in the Cambridge Road area with five people already and hopes that others will join them.

Further information can be obtained from Emily on 07507 321954 or Dorchester (01305) 213721. Information about the wider project available at www.clsdorset.org.uk.

■ BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS are inviting new members to come and join them.

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at the Village Hall between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

The choir sings a wide range of music and its next concert is planned for March 28th at Winfrith Newburgh Church.

■ FRIENDS OF THE BOROUGH GARDENS, Dorchester, are inviting local people to a talk about plans for the grass-free lawn on the former bowling green.

The 'A Blooming Bowling Green' talk will be given by Joy Wallis of the Dorset Wildlife Trust. It starts after the Friends' 6.30pm annual meeting on Wednesday, March 11th in the Borough Gardens House.

The lawn will be put in place at Easter with dozens of local people already involved by growing trays of flowers, herbs and other plants which will make up the new lawn. The idea was promoted by Mayor Peter Mann as his project for his mayoral year after a talk by Mrs Wallis.

The lawn is low maintenance and should result in an increase in insects who will be attracted by the plants.

Have-a-go day at Portland workshops

■ SKILLS on show. Some of the crafts available at the workshops' free event

CRAFTS of all descriptions were available for people to try when Portland's Royal Manor Workshops threw open their doors for a free event.

The idea was that visitors could not only come in and browse stalls but try their hand at a variety of crafts.

Organiser Martin Blundell said: "There was stained glass, patchwork, felting, beading, braiding, art, embroidery, spinning, rag rug, lace-making and crochet.

"The main aim of the event was to make people aware of these ancient crafts and to give them an opportunity to work with their hands.

"This event was particularly successful and any profit we make goes back into scheduling future workshops."

RMW's next events include encaustic art on March 7th from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and Confetti Quilting on March 10th from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

The group is also planning an April 18th event at Easton Methodist Church from 10.00am to 4.00pm when it will stage You'd Be Surprised Who Paints, an event where anyone of any age can bring in a painting they have done and have it judged by the public with prizes for the most popular paintings.

Play golf for Julia's House

GOLFERS are being urged to putt their best foot forward for a two-club charity challenge in aid of Julia's House.

The event will be held on April 23rd at Weymouth's Wessex Golf Centre from 3.30pm, the event running until about 8pm after which participants will go for a meal at The Balti House.

Co-organiser Mark Blunden said: "There will be some prize giving there for lowest score and nearest the pin as well as a raffle.

"This is a fun, relaxed event open to golfers and non-golfers for sport, networking, and to raise some money for this worthy cause.

"Those taking part pay £25 and choose the two clubs they want to use. There will be fines for extra clubs and lost balls!"

Numbers for the event are strictly limited. Please contact mark.blunden @futurumltd.co.uk.

Take part in a swift clean up of the Fleet

A SPRING clean of the Fleet, a litter pick-up event, will be held on Sunday, March 1st from 10.00am to noon.

Marshals will give out bags and instructions and those who wish to take part are advised to wear suitable footwear and bring gloves.

There are two venues, Pirates' Cove, where people should meet at the bottom of Pirates Lane off Westhill Road (SY660773), and Ferrybridge where people should meet at Fisherman's Way near the Crab House Café (SY666763).

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Local dancers will join 'Essence of Ireland' show

IRISH smash hit, Essence of Ireland, is set to open a fresh tour when it hits Weymouth Pavilion with its powerful new production on March 4th.

A compelling love story inspired by true events, Essence of Ireland is set against the music and dance of Ireland, USA and Spain.

Pupils from the local Let's Dance will be performing with the cast from Essence of Ireland at the Weymouth show.

Julie Storey of Let's Dance, said: "It is a great honour for us to appear in such a top class production."

Creative director Ged Graham is delighted to have dancers from a local dance school performing.

He said: "We as producers really want the local dancers to participate fully in our show and not just be on the outer edges.

"We set out not just to tell a powerful love story but to tell a bigger tale based on true events about the love between a man and his country – something which audiences really relate to.

"Our show is guaranteed to entertain and move audiences young and old, whether through our hard hitting story or through our quality music and dance extravaganza!"

Set against the backdrop of Ireland, England and America in the 19th century, Essence of Ireland tells the story of love, joy, and heartache endured by Coro McGowen and Sean Dempsey as they are separated from each other and their beloved Ireland.

As the story moves across to England and then on to America, the show takes its audience on a journey through many historical events including America's introduction to rock and roll and John F Kennedy's historic presidential visit to Ireland in 1963.

Simultaneously heartbreaking and heartwarming, many of the much loved Irish songs that run so deep within the country's music heritage are seamlessly entwined within the show's engaging story including Galway Girl, Tell me Ma and Irish Rover along with original scores.

Ross Mills, Director of Production and co-writer of Essence of Ireland, said: "The Irish have a cultural identity like no other and that pride in their cultural identity, heritage and traditions, manifests itself in the global phenomenon that is St Patrick's Day."Essence of Ireland has a world class, ensemble all of whom are immensely proud of their Irish heritage and deep seated roots giving a huge weight to the production's strong sense of place and Irish identity.

DCCI's president's lunch awards outstanding apprentice

SOCCER boss Eddie Howe gave a fascinating insight into the business of winning at Dorset Chamber of Commerce's first major event of the year.

The AFC Bournemouth chief and assistant manager Jason Tindall revealed the secrets of their success oldsands Stadium in Bournemouth.

It was the perfect match for new DCCI president Rob Mitchell, who is also the club's commercial director, and the highlight of one of the most successful President's Lunches in recent memory with nearly 200 guests.

Rob, who is the youngest chamber president in the country at 34, said: "There are exciting times ahead for the Chamber as well as for AFC Bournemouth and it is obviously edge of the seat stuff at the club as we work exceptionally hard to bring Premier League football to Dorset.

"My great thanks to Eddie and Jason for taking time from their very busy schedule to tell us how the principles of managing a football team are very much the same as running a business."

VIP guests included the High Sheriff of Dorset Jane Stichbury and Dorset Lord Lieutenant Angus Campbell.

DCCI chief executive Ian Girling said that with 190 guests it was the largest President's Lunch in recent memory.

The annual Warde Award for most outstanding apprentice attracted a record response, 36 entries, and four highly commended positions for the first time.

Tonderai Taringa, 20, of JP Morgan, lifted the trophy for apprentice of the year and highly commended places went to Ashleigh Baker and Ben Wigley, both of Superior Seals, Benjamin Heffer of JP Morgan and Henry Tardif of Cobham plc.

■ ROD Davis with Tonderai Taringa, JP Morgan associate Gemma Bianchi and Rob Mitchell

Tonderai, 20, of Bournemouth, said: "I'm very happy to have won, given the high quality of the other candidates.

"My great thanks go to JP Morgan, which offers great support for its apprentices to help them flourish and succeed in their careers."

Businessman and former chamber president Mr Warde said: "We cannot express enough the quality of the apprentices this year and we could have given the majority of them the award."

Rod Davis of DSTPN said: "Tonderai's obvious enthusiasm stood out. Not only is he studying for this financial services qualifications and apprenticeship, he is also part of the technical team and is involved in intensive training for this too. He was a very worthy winner in a very strong field."

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Safety course for mobility scooters was flaming success

ROARING flames and a quiz were on offer when a safety awareness event was held in Weymouth for people who had mobility scooters or were thinking of buying one.

More than 30 people turned up at the Community Safety centre near Weymouth fire station on Radipole Lane to get some expert advice.

The day began with a quiz on mobility scooters and the law and visitors later went through the Firewise centre so everyone was aware of the risk of fire involving a mobility scooter or their home.

Organiser and borough council representative Julie Hursthouse said: "Everyone then took part in a slalom course for mobility scooter drivers to test their control and knowledge of safety.

■ TACKLING the mobility scooter course

"This was followed by a second quiz to see how much safety knowledge people had absorbed during the day.

"The council was a partner in the event with the Fire Service, Police, community organisations and Health Watch.

"The aim was to raise awareness of mobility use and safety, the dos and don'ts of being a mobility scooter user."

Councillor James said: "I think this event was a really good idea. We did one about eight years ago and we really need to hold them regularly, particularly as we will have a Road Safety Centre opening here this summer."

Police gave safety advice including film of real-life accidents and how they might have been avoided, dealing with everything from eyesight to scooter maintenance and insurance.

Action Mobility was on hand to check mobility scooters for any mechanical defects, users also being urged to get insurance to avoid being caught out and having to sell their home if they faced big claims following an accident.

■ EDUCATION officer Dave Allan holds a quiz

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BUSBY'S first specialist Couture Vintage Fashion sale on February 19th produced some good sale results with highlights including a 1980s Issey Miyake wool coat bought for £455, a 1920s silk crepe de chine shawl realising £380 and an Alexander McQueen dress making £835 and the velvet ball gown £1,165. Other lots of note included a Gianni Versace black cocktail dress which made £465, a 1920s velvet devore with arctic fox fur coat which was bought for £565 and a Christian Dior cocktail dress which was bought for £920. Harriet Cunningham of Busby reported "It was an interesting sale with buyers willing to compete for specific labels".

▲ Kenya 1935 £1 Stamp

The next specialist sale will be the Fine Art, Antiques and Wine. Lots for this will include the Evans Collection of British Commonwealth stamps. The collection is in 10 loose leaf albums covering countries from Aden to Zululand, stamps from the period 1840-1970s, the main value is in the Edward VII to George VI issues with many good sets, these include 1935 Silver Jubilee and 1948 Silver wedding sets complete, notable stamps include GB £1 PUC CDS used, Egypt Silver Jubilee used, Gibraltar £1 used (1904-7), Gilbert and Ellis Isle £1 mint, Hong Kong silver wedding $10 mint, India Ghandi 10r mint, Kenya 1935 £1 mint, 1938 £1 mint, Leewards Isle 1938 £1 mint, Straits settlements SG 247 £1 1922 mint, Aden 10r dhow mint, Bahamas 1938 £1, Burma service 1937 10r mint. The guide is £8,000 to £10,000. Also entered is an Edwardian Carlton House mahogany desk by Edwards & Roberts, London, with a guide of £800-£1,200. Other lots will include Jewellery, Silver, Wine, Paintings, Clocks and Asian and Oriental works of art.

Busby will be holding their next General Sale on April 2nd. Entries are invited for the forthcoming sales. Catalogues and viewing times are available on line at www.busby.co.uk

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Get involved with this year's Climate Week

COMMUNITIES Living Sustainably in Dorset have organised a week packed with free activities across Bridport and Beaminster for this year's Climate Week.

The week, which runs from March 2nd to 8th, includes events and examples of things local people are doing to live more sustainably and to address climate change.

Climate Week is Britain's biggest climate change campaign culminating in a week of activities showcasing practical solutions in every sector of society.

On Wednesday, March 4th there will be an evening of films-in-progress about woodlands and fields, taking place at Hooke Park, Beaminster.

The films have been produced by Common Ground, a charity that explores the relationship between nature and culture and believes that people can make a positive difference in their local area.

Guests will have a chance to see a sneak preview of the films Common Ground is working on including Woodland Portraits, which explores the historic importance of woodlands, and Kisilu – The Weatherman, a video diary of a farming family in East Kenya and the difficulties of the changing weather.

The event starts at 6pm and places are limited to 40. To book, email *cinema@common ground.org.uk*

In Bridport, events begin on Friday, March 6th at 6pm, starting with Feasting Our Way to Cool Food. This involves a short film, called Local Food Roots, shown at Bridport Arts Centre about the development of the UK's local food movement.

Audience members will also be encouraged to 'Spend a Tenner Locally' and make a FEAST pledge in which they must give up a bad food habit.

At 7.30pm, there will be a screening of Disruption, a new film by 350.org, a movement working all over the world on campaigns of climate change.

The movie looks at climate change and the science, politics, solutions and stories that define it.

On Saturday, March 7th, climate experts Kit Vaughan and Dr Ruth Fuller will be leading a walk in a local working woodland, exploring what species and management will work in a new climate and how to build resilience to disease and climate extremes.

The walk will be through Prime Coppice on Glebelands lane in Whitchurch Canonicorum from 10am to 12.30pm.

All events are free but some require booking and for more details and the full list of events, visit www.clsdorset.org.uk

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Dorset Community Action

Climate Week 2015 - 2nd to 8th March

Stories of Change

Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset

GET beyond the doom and gloom and be inspired by what people are doing, in West Dorset and beyond.

Communities Living Sustainably (CLS) in Dorset want to share examples of inspiring things people are doing to live more sustainably and to address climate change.

This week of events is curated by CLS in Dorset and hosted by various partner organisations. Organisers have teamed up with Common Ground for a programme of unique films; and many volunteers have been involved in creating this programme of events.

CLS in Dorset is a partnership led by Dorset Community Action, and including Dorset AONB, Dorset County Council, Dorset Coast Forum, Dorset Public Health, Dorset Agenda 21, Transition Town Bridport, Transition Town Dorchester, West Dorset Partnership, and WSX Enterprise Ltd as the core delivery organisations.

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Local Food Roots
Photo: Charmouth Dragon

Common Ground Cinema: Community Woodlands.
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2nd to 8th March 2015

Voices of Transition
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Dorset County Museum, (Victorian Gallery), High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA
A film night with local nibbles and wine followed by a discussion. Donations welcome.
"Voices of Transition educates, opens minds to new possibilities and presents a new vision of how our food system could be". Rob Hopkins, co-founder of the Transition movement.

Will you say 'I do'?
Wednesday 4th March 11:00-15:00
Outside Barclays Bank, South Street, Dorchester, DT1 1BLL
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Common Ground Cinema
Films about woodlands and fields
Wednesday 4th March 17:30
(preceded by short tour) Film starts at 18:00
Prototype House (canteen), Architectural Association, Hooke Park, Beaminster, DT8 3PH
The Dorset-based charity is well known for its imaginative projects exploring the relationship between culture and nature. They are now beginning to produce films. With screenings and talks from the producers and Directors, this showcase is an exciting chance to get a sneak preview. Book at cinema@commonground.org.uk. Places limited to 40.

Stories of Change
Thursday 5th March 19:30 - 21:30
Dorchester Arts Centre, School Lane, The Grove, Dorchester, DT1 1XR
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Feasting Our Way to Cool Food
Friday 6th March 18:00-19:00
Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NR
'Local Food Roots'- a short film charting the development of the UK's local food movement - sets the scene for reporting on local people's wishes for the Future of Food in Bridport. Make a 'FEAST' pledge, spend a tenner locally and do YOUR bit to cool the planet with every bite!

Disruption
Friday 6th March 19:30 – 21:30
Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NR
A fast-paced cinematic journey through the wild world of climate change: the science, the politics, the solutions, and the stories that define this crisis at this pivotal point in human history. After show discussion facilitated by Raja Jarrah. Book via http://goo.gl/6MlzO1

Building woodland resilience in a climate impacted world
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Your guide to local live music

upcoming gigs

Saturday 28 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Tripod 9.30pm
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Mojo
Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Fairport Convention
Doors 7.30pm.
£21+bf adv / £23 door
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Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Tankus The Henge
Doors 7.30pm. £8/£6
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**Sunday 1 March**
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
**Jamming at the Crown** 4-6pm
Durnovaria, DORCHESTER
**Latemouth Blake (Stompin' Dave's vintage blues alter ego)** 3-5pm
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Saturday 7 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Relics
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Fresh Cream 9.30pm
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Le Voyage a Paris
Doors 7.15pm. £10/£8
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
DA Blues: Marcus Bonfanti Doors 7.30pm.
£13/£6.50/£11 adv,
£14/£7/£12 door.
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**Sunday 8 March**
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
**Gut & Steel** 4-6pm
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
**The Little Unsaid**
Doors 7.30pm. £8/£6
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Friday 13 March
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Jazz Café: Charlie Hearnshaw and Philip Clouts 8pm
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**Saturday 14 March**
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
**Bug Tree Swamp**
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
**Midlife Crisis** 9.30pm
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
**Lyme Regis Folk Festival Fundraiser**
7.30pm. £10
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Sat 14 & Sun 15 March
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Bookends: Simon & Garfunkel through the years Doors 7.30pm each night. £12/£10.
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**Sunday 15 March**
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
**Griff Daniels & Nikki Mascal** 4-6pm
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Wednesday 18 March
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Emma Ballantine in the Stage Door Bar
Doors 7pm.
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Creating intense, emotional musical narratives

TWO DORSET PERFORMANCES FROM THE SKAZKI TRIO

THREE superb postgraduate chamber music specialists from the Royal College of Music form the captivating **Skazki Trio**, who are due to perform the second concert series for Concerts in the West at Bridport Arts Centre and at the Hub, Lyme Regis.

Formed in 2011 at the Royal College of Music, the Trio has an outstanding reputation, which is not surprising considering the calibre of its members. The group's founder, pianist Maria Razumovskaya, has been described as "exceptionally talented and charismatic", while her two co-performers violinist Kamila Bydlowska and cellist Alisa Liubarskaya are award-winning artists in their own right.

The ensemble takes its name from the Slavic word for fairytale or narrative and creating emotional, captivating narratives is exactly what the Skazki Trio aims to achieve within each of the repertoires it performs.

"The Skazki Trio has a well-earned reputation for the intensity of its performances," said founder and director of Concerts in the West (CiW), Catherine Hodgson, who is entirely responsible for sourcing and organising the concert charity's musical programmes. "I am also very excited that while they are staying in the West Country Maria, Kamila and Alisa will be sharing their passion and insight in a series of music workshops, which we are holding in local schools. "

Maria Razumovskaya's piano performances are notable for combining the "intensely alluring sound-world" of her interpretations with a sensitive musical intelligence and innate capacity for expression.

Kamila Bydlowska has been playing the violin since the age of seven and has a Master of Music degree from Lodz Music Academy. She studied on a full scholarship at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in the USA and is currently finishing an Artist Diploma programme at the Royal College of Music with Ani Schnarch.

Cellist Alisa Liubarskaya studied at the Belarus State Music College in Minsk and has won numerous prizes at the Heran, Beethoven and Chandos International Competitions, as well as first prize at the Vivian Joseph Concerto Competition, Vera Kantrovic, Leonard Smith and Felicity Young Competitions. She has also won the John Thompson, Cavatina Chamber Music Prizes and Barbirolli Memorial Prize for Cellists.

The Skazki Trio perform a 'coffee concert' at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, March 20th at 11am-12pm. To book call the Box Office on 01308 424204 or visit the website at www.bridport-arts.com. Tickets: £10/£8 with concessions, coffee included, town parking and car parks, BAC café, disabled access.

The trio will also perform at Saturday, March 21st at 7.30pm, at The Hub, Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3BS – next to St Michael's Church. (Box office: Serendip Fine Books, 11, Broad Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3QD. Tel: 01297 442594). Tickets £15. Interval drinks available.

Ticket discounts are available for young people. For further information about this concert and the 2015 concert series, please contact Catherine Hodgson, Director, Concerts in the West. Tel: 01460 53500, email: concertsinthewest@gmail.com or visit www.concertsinthewest.org

The Skazki Trio

LE VOYAGE A PARIS AVEC MAGADALENA ATKINSON

Magdalena Atkinson

PARISIAN chic comes to the Marine Theatre as vocalist **Magdalena Atkinson** sings a varied programme of well-loved songs from the greats, including Edith Piaf, Charles Trenet and Charles Aznavour. Most familiar will be the classic music of Piaf, France's most beloved entertainer, national icon and musical legend. Magdalena's singing is not an impersonation but an interpretation, always heartfelt, sometimes humorous, and highlights are plentiful, from Milord to La Vie en Rose, Mon Dieu to the inevitable Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien.

Philip Clouts is the perfect accompanist for this project, being a composer and pianist both in his own quartet and also in Zubop.

Magalena Atkinson and Philip Clouts perform 'Le Voyage a Paris' at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, March 7th at 8pm (doors 7.15pm).

Tickets are £10, or £8 concessions, and a Theatre-Friends discount is available. For more details or to book call 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

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THE BOY NEXT DOOR [15]

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Thriller starring Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman and Kristin Chenoweth.

FOCUS [15]

IN THE midst of veteran con man Nicky's latest scheme, a woman from his past - now an accomplished femme fatale - shows up and throws his plans for a loop.

Stars Will Smith, Margot Robbie and Rodrigo Santoro.

IT FOLLOWS [15]

FOR nineteen-year-old Jay, Autumn should be about school, boys and week-ends out at the lake. But after a seemingly innocent sexual encounter, she finds herself plagued by strange visions and the inescapable sense that someone, something, is following her.

Horror starring Linda Boston, Caitlin Burt and Heather Fairbanks.

THE COMPANY YOU KEEP [15]

A FORMER Weather Underground activist goes on the run from a journalist who has discovered his identity.

Stars Robert Redford, Brit Marling, Stanley Tucci and Shia LaBeouf

Cinema Listings

Friday, Feb 27th - Thurs, Mar 5th

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Fifty Shades of Grey [18]
Fri, Sun-Tue, Thu: 19.50
Sat: 16.45, 19.50, Wed: 15.30

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Sat & Sun: 14.00

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Wed: 18.45

Jimmy's Hall [12A]
Thu: 10.30am

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Mr Turner [12A]
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Fifty Shades of Grey [15]
Daily: 12.15, 15.00, 17.45, 19.15, 20.30, plus Fri, Sat: 21.15

Big Hero 6 [PG]
Daily: 13.30,16.00, plus Sat & Sun: 10.00, 11.00, 12.30, 15.00

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel [PG]
Daily: 12.00, 14.45, 16.15, 17.30, 19.00, 20.15

The Wedding Ringer [15]
Daily: 12.10, 20.25

Project Almanac [12A]
Daily: 13.45, 18.00

Mr Peabody & Sherman [U]
Sat: 10.20, Sun: 10.15am

The Book of Life [U]
Sat & Sun: 10.00am

Shaun the Sheep The Movie [U]
Daily: 13.00, 15.05, 17.10 plus Sat & Sun: 10.00am

Peppa Pig: The Golden Boots [U]
Fri: 12.10, Sat & Sun: 10.30, 12.10

Kingsman: The Secret Service [15]
Fri: 15.30, 18.20 Sat: 18.20, Sun: 17.40, Mon, Tue, Thu: 14.50, 17.40, Wed: 14.50

Focus [15]
Daily: 12.35, 15.05, 17.35, 20.00

The Boy Next Door [15]
Daily: 14.30, 16.40, 18.50, 21.00 plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.20

It Follows [15]
Daily: 13.10, 15.30, 18.30, 20.50

American Sniper [15]
Mon: 20.30

The Theory of Everything [12A]
Sun, Thu: 20.30

Paddington [PG]
Sat, Sun: 10.00am

Happy Shappi

ARGUABLY as one of the country's finest comedians, Shappi Khorsandi is heading to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis with her latest stand-up show, 'Because I'm Shappi'.

After bursting onto the comedy scene in 2006 with sell-out hit performances at Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Khorsandi has continued to gain huge success and great critical acclaim, resulting in television appearances on Live at the Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, Have I got New For You, Q.I. and 8 out of 10 Cats.

Her screenwriting debut was in the form of Sky's Little Crackers, and she has recently been commissioned to write a drama script for BBC Television.

Reflecting on the good things, her latest gig celebrates her haphazard zigzag towards her dreams. She introduces us to friends, family and total strangers who have helped her on her personal Yellow Brick Road.

Shappi Khorsandi comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, March 6th at 8pm.

Tickets are £14 or £12 concs, from www.marinetheatre.com or the box office on 01297 442138.

DYT present *in/tension*

BLAME - where does it lie, who knows the truth?

DYT Senior Company presents a series of events which unpicks lives that are interconnected, leading to a final, unforgettable moment.

This spring's offering from the Senior Company at Dorchester Youth Theatre brings something very different from the talented young people involved. Following on from the success at the National Theatre's Connections Festival, and last year's sell out performances of The Crucible – DYT are delivering a 'home grown' production.

Finding a script with suitable parts for the 22 plus members has its challenges. So Youth Theatre Director Jo Simons decided to have a different approach; using ideas from the cast for a theme, and then to form a storyline and to develop this through improvisation techniques and plenty of idea swapping.

Says Jo " this has been a huge challenge, not only are the company coming up with the ideas themselves but we are having to make sure that the story makes sense and flows well. Just because we may think it will work or we find certain things funny, our audience may not. I think the key to devising is to not be self- indulgent. It has been an exciting project and I am really proud of the maturity of the company throughout the process, it is probably the hardest form of drama. We are excited to share it with our audience."

With no set script, this requires the young actors to learn their parts through improvisation, continually developing their characters and dialogues until the whole production comes together.

The play addresses some sensitive and controversial issues, but still manages to involve humour with thought provoking scenes.

in/tension will be performed at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Thursday, March 5th and Friday 6th, at 7pm each night (doors and bar open 6.30pm). Tickets are £7 or £4 for under 18s. Tickets available from Dorchester Arts Box Office on 01305 269433 or www.dorchesterarts.org.uk, also available on the door. Suitable for ages 12+.

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Lyme Youth Theatre and NT Connections presents

Hospital Food

EACH year the National Theatre asks ten writers to create new plays for performance by young theatre companies all over the country. From Scotland to Cornwall and Northern Ireland to Norfolk, Connections celebrates great new writing for the stage – and the energy, commitment and talent of young theatre-makers.

Lyme Youth Theatre, the Marine Theatre's Youth Theatre programme, is set to be a part of this exciting and challenging Connections programme, resulting in an appearance at the National Theatre's annual festival of new plays for youth theatres and schools.

Hospital Food, a play by highly esteemed playwright and actor Eugene O'Hare, tells the story of ten teenage residents of a teenage cancer unit in a city hospital. Their shared illness bonds them and they support each other as they reveal their fears and hopes for the future.

The teenagers have a special room called The Retreat – a place to go where it is calm and where their thoughts can be intimated to each other without fear of it ever leaving the room. What is discussed in The Retreat stays in The Retreat, and is inevitably where issues of trust, love and the question of betrayal arise. 'What the play is about, at the centre of it, is can betrayal in a friendship be seen as an act of love?' (Eugene O'Hare)

Before heading to the prestigious Plymouth Theatre Royal for their final festival performance, LYT (Lyme Youth Theatre) will be performing Hospital Food at the Marine Theatre from Thursday 26th February – Saturday 28th February.

Lyme Youth Theatre presents Hospital Food at the Marine Theatre from Thursday, February 26th at Saturday, February 28th. Thursday and Friday: 7.30pm, Saturday: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

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The Brontë Season

Three talented sisters Three captivating heroines Three new adaptations...

WHETHER you're a hard-core Brontë fan or you've never had the pleasure, these fresh new adaptations by West Country theatre companies Butterfly Psyche Theatre & Livewire Theatre at Dorchester Arts Centre will invigorate, inspire and melt hearts around the South West this spring.

The Brontë Season will feature classics from all three sisters Emily, Anne and Charlotte, and will open with a theatre double bill on Sunday, March 1st with *Jane Eyre* followed by *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*. Afternoon tea and homemade cakes will also be available in the interval.

Described in the British Theatre Guide as "a brilliant production...a must-see show" this production of Jane Eyre retells the classic Gothic story of a penniless and friendless young woman and the dashing-yet-devilish Mr. Rochester. This adaptation originally toured with Livewire Theatre in autumn 2013 and received 5-star reviews across the board.

The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne, the vastly under-appreciated and least known of the Brontës, is the most shocking of all their novels. This multi-layered masterpiece shows both the brutality and consequences of life choices and the hope of happiness through redemption, forgiveness and truth. When *The Tenant* was first published it sold out within six weeks (vastly outselling *Wuthering Heights* and selling even better in the US than the UK, something that cannot be said of the other two sisters) and is widely considered to be the first 'sustained' feminist novel. However, Charlotte Brontë, for reasons best known to herself, succeeded in widely denouncing the book and suppressing a reprint after Anne's death.

Butterfly Psyche & LiveWire Theatre return to Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday, March 13th with one of the most tragic and infamous love stories ever told – Emily Brontë's emotionally gripping *Wuthering Heights*.

As the most introverted and reclusive of the sisters, Emily's personality remains a mystery. And yet, even if you've never read a word of the Brontës in your life, you will have at least heard of Heathcliff and Cathy and their passionate-yet-destructive love that transcended even death. This production will leave you covered in goosebumps and reaching for the nearest copy to read again.

Jane Eyre & The Tenant of Wildfell Hall, Sunday, March 1st, 3pm - £12 or £10 members & concessions.

Wuthering Heights, Friday, March 13th, 8pm - £10 or £8 members & concessions

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6.00-7.00pm WALKING FOOTBALL (ON 3G PITCH)
6.00-7.15pm SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)
7.00-7.45pm INDOOR CYCLING
8.00-9.00pm CIRCUITS

WEDNESDAY
4.00-6.00pm GYMNASTICS
5.45-7.00pm IYENGAR YOGA
6.00-6.45pm INDOOR CYCLING
7.00-8.00pm BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB
8.00-9.30pm VOLLEYBALL

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk 'Hidden Gardens of London' by Bob Ayers, who knows the nooks and crannies of the Capital well after 30 years in the City of London Police. Members attend free, non-members £3. at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. For more information see our website, ulhrs@wordpress.com or ring Chairman Jenny Harding on 444034

BRIDPORT: Fairtrade Food Tasting at Bridport United Church Hall, 10am-12noon, as part of their weekly coffee morning. Come and sample and buy some fairtrade goodies (Fairtrade Fortnight 23 Feb – 8 Mar), courtesy of Traidcraft, the Cooperative and Divine chocolate. For more details call 01308 425037.

LYME REGIS: Parents Together group, with crèche provided at The Hub, 9.15am-11.15am. Every Wednesday during term time. £2 per family suggested donation. This week 'Raising respectful and responsible children'.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

DORCHESTER: Quiz Evening at St George's Church Hall, 7.45pm. Come as teams of up to 6, or come and make up a team. Tickets £6 (including ploughman's supper). Please bring whatever you wish to drink. Tickets available from Mrs Dorothy Maggs on 01305 262436 or Mrs Audrey Litson on 01305 262668.

DORCHESTER: West Dorset Humanists meeting at the Wessex Royale Hotel, 32 High West Street, 7.30pm. It will include a fully illustrated presentation on humanist schools in Africa and India, given by David Warden, Chair of Dorset Humanists. Entry is £3. Everyone is welcome. For more details, visit www.westdorsethumanists.org or call 07810 360700 or 07411 077058.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Phil Wells' Triptych competition. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: Bournemouth In The Old Days, is the subject of Jim Boudreau's presentation to Dorchester Area Group of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust at the Dorset Room, Colliton Club, County Hall, Dorchester, 7.30pm. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

CHARMOUTH: Fossil Talks at Charmouth Primary School, 7-9pm. 'The Charmouth Dinosaur' by Phil Davidson, and 'How to find and clean an Ichthyosaur' by Richard Edmonds. Booking essential as spaces are limited. Call 01297 560772 to book. Free admission.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: My Old Lady at the village hall, doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door cost £4 for members of film club £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST

LYME REGIS: Tales From Under Shady Tree. Ken Gollop talks about life in Lyme during the second world war. Woodmead Halls, 2.30pm. (Doors open at 2pm) Admission £3 in aid of Lyme Museum.

MONDAY MARCH 2ND

BRIDPORT: Smith & Smith are pleased to hold a Fairtrade food tasting at their shop, 8 West Street, as part of Fairtrade Fortnight (23 Feb – 8 Mar), 2.30 – 4.30pm. Come and try delicious fairtrade chocolate, biscuits and more.For more details call 01308 425037.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

TUESDAY MARCH 3RD

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Our president, Terry Whitworth, will demonstrate his approach to creating a Floral painting with Flair, in Acrylics. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

DORCHESTER: Le Cercle Francais de Dorchester,aka the Dorchester French Circle meeting. This is a follow-up to the film "I've loved you so long", shown on February 3rd, which starred Kristin Scott Thomas. Sonja Lawday will discuss Kristin's life and films. 7.30pm for 8.00 pm at Cafe/Bar Jagos, 8 High West Street. For more details visit www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH

LYME REGIS: Parents Together group, with crèche provided at The Hub, 9.15am-11.15am. Every Wednesday during term time. £2 per family suggested donation. This week 'Bullying & Cliques - kids and adults'.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

THURSDAY MARCH 5TH

BRIDPORT: Electronic Organ Concert by Paul Roberts at the United Church Hall, East Street. Admission £8, members £7, visitors welcome. Concert starts at 7.30pm. For more details call 01460 73500.

WEYMOUTH: Broadway, Upwey & District Horticultural Society. "Trees" a talk by Martin Young. St. Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey, Weymouth starting at 7:30pm. For more details call 01305 814887.

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Smith Family Charity Ball. 24th Anniversary of Henry's heart & kidney transplant. 8pm-2am at Freshwater Holiday Centre. Non-stop dancing to The Gen Gap & Second Thoughts. Two course supper. Tickets £25 from Henry (01308 868313). Supporting Harefield Transpant Club, Dorset Air Ambulance, Dorset Renal Unit and others

UPLYME: Curry Night and Ferret Racing, at Uplyme Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets are £8.50 including food, from 01297 444034 or 34733 or from Uplyme Post Office. For more information see our website, ulhrs@wordpress.com or ring Chairman Jenny Harding on 444034

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Women's World Day of Prayer at Lyme Regis Baptist Church, 2:30pm. All ladies welcome

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence dancing at Uplyme Village Hall. Entry £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. 8-10.30pm. For more details call 01297 442439

BRIDPORT: Coffee Morning in aid of West Dorset Mencap. At United Church Hall, 10am-12.30pm. Crafts, cakes, books and more. Huge raffle.

MONDAY MARCH 9TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. £7 each (concs available - just ask). 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Othona Community, Coast Road, DT6 4RN. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10am – 1pm at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Terry Whitworth's demonstration on Florals with Flair, you may use any medium. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola present 'The Hundred Foot Journey' (cert 12A). In Beaminster Public Hall, 7.30pm. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door. Available from Yarn Barton 01308 862715, weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm and Saturday 9am-1pm, or call 01308 861378.

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet for their AGM at 2.30pm in the Education Centre, Dorset County Hospital. The AGM will be followed by a talk by Ian Brooke on Shelter Boxes. New members welcome.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

TUESDAY MARCH 10TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

Counting the Birches: One day in Siberia

THE owner of Wild and Homeless books, Andrew Rutherford, is bringing an intriguing new play to Bridport Arts Centre. Counting the Birches unfolds over a single day in November 1885 and is set within the Kara prison complex in eastern Siberia.

Based on actual events the drama focusses on three remarkable women: two revolutionary prisoners and a mother who has voluntarily joined her daughter. The startling appearance of an American journalist, and his meeting with the prison's brutal security officer, present the women with alarming dilemmas.

The play was written by Andrew and directed by Spencer Butler. Together they brought the sell out show Blindspot to the Arts Centre last year. Blindspot was set in July 2003, in the aftermath of the Iraq War and explored the death of Dr David Kelly.

Marketing Manager Lisa Wilcock said: "Andrew Rutherford is a retired professor of law and criminology and his thought provoking political plays are something that we all look forward to seeing on the Arts Centre stage"

Tickets are £10 and all funds go towards improving the facilities at Bridport Arts Centre www.bridport-arts.com

Wilde Without the Boy

& The Ballad of Reading Gaol

DORCHESTER Arts continues its top quality drama offering this spring as they welcome Olivier-award nominated actor Gerard Logan to the arts centre on Saturday, March 6th with his highly acclaimed solo show *Wilde Without Boy* - a solo adaptation of Oscar Wilde's De Profundis, a letter Wilde wrote to his gay lover Lord Alfred Douglas from Reading Gaol close to the end of his imprisonment in 1897.

Gerard has played leading roles with the RSC and the National Theatre and won The Stage newspaper's award for Best Solo Show of the 2011 Edinburgh Festival, for his performance in Shakespeare's great narrative poem The Rape of Lucrece.

On the back of this success Gerard Logan has gone on to tour *Wilde Without the Boy* over much of the British Isles to great acclaim and won the Best Actor award at the 2014 Buxton Fringe Festival for his performance in the piece.

During the first half of *Wilde Without the Boy*, Wilde recounts his previous relationship with Douglas, and the extravagant lifestyle, which eventually led to Wilde's conviction and imprisonment. He is mercilessly scathing not only of Lord Alfred's vanity, but also his own weakness in always acceding to Douglas' demands. With world-weary but characteristically Wildean wit and precision, he charts how a disastrous personal relationship converted him, in the public's eyes, from artistic and intellectual icon to social pariah.

In the second half, Wilde charts his mental, emotional and spiritual growth in prison, and outlines his hopes for a future after his release.

As an additional treat in the second half of the evening, Gerard will be performing Oscar Wilde's searingly beautiful poem, The Ballad of Reading Gaol and will be followed by a Q & A session after the evening's entertainment.

Wilde Without the Boy + The Ballad of Reading Gaol comes to Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday, March 6th, 8pm. Tickets are £12, or £10 members & concessions from the Box Office 01305 266926 www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Listen to the Landscape of Eggardon Hill

WALK with sound artist Richard Povall and the Dorset Wildlife Trust to record the sounds of the landscape of Eggardon Hill at dusk.

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In this special collaboration between Artsreach, The South Dorset Ridgeway Partnership and Dorset Wildlife Trust, participants will use sound recorders to listen up close and capture a series of recordings during the walk, which Richard will then use to create a radio programme based on the events of the day.

Suitable for all ages, this workshop won't involve strenuous walking and families are very welcome, as are dogs on a leash. The only real skill required is the ability to be still and listen.

This special event will start and finish at The Kingcombe Centre, Toller Porcorum, and includes an introductory talk and supper. Places limited. Booking is essential

Listen to the Landscape on Saturday, March 7th, from 3.30pm-7.30pm at The Kingcombe Centre, Toller Porcorum.

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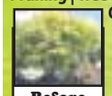
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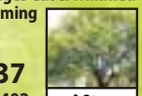
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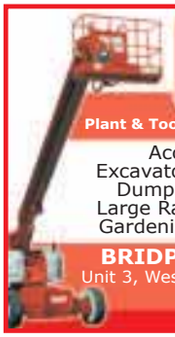

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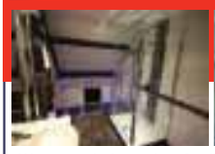
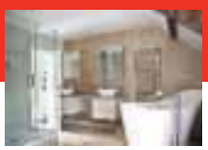
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LAND Rover has strengthened its fastest-selling model, the Range Rover Evoque. The luxury compact SUV features a comprehensive range of new design features and technologies to reinforce its status as the market leader.

Range Rover Evoque's cutting-edge exterior design has been further enhanced with a selection of carefully chosen revisions. These updates include a new front bumper, two new grille designs, all-LED headlamps and three new alloy wheel designs. These changes will enhance Evoque's unique design to a broad range of customers.

Interior changes include new seats and door casings, new infotainment system, accessed via an eight-inch touchscreen, and the introduction of new colour and materials such as Lunar Ice, Vintage Tan and Dark Cherry (Autobiography only) complementing Evoque's bold architectural forms.

Land Rover's advanced new diesel engine also debuts. The new EU6-compliant four-cylinder Ingenium unit brings a class-leading combination of performance, refinement and efficiency. The cutting-edge engine, which is designed, engineered and manufactured in the UK, provides up to 180PS, fuel economy of up to 68mpg (4.2l/100km) and CO2 emissions as low as 109g/km*. That makes the class-leading Evoque the most efficient Land Rover ever produced.

Gerry McGovern, Land Rover Design Director and Chief Creative Officer said: "The Range Rover Evoque first established and then dominated the luxury compact SUV sector generating worldwide acclaim and sales success. Our challenge has been to evolve the Evoque design without diluting its distinctive character."

Jeremy Hicks, Jaguar Land Rover UK Managing Director said: "The Evoque has proven to be an enormous success in the UK with sales of 62,000 since its launch back in 2011. Clever design, class leading residuals and competitive cost of ownership have all been contributors to its success.

"The 2016 model year Evoque builds on this achievement with a new engine line up delivering outstanding CO2 emissions down to 109g/km and for the first time; an all-wheel drive version under 130g/km. This combined with intelligent and relevant technology will ensure that the Range Rover Evoque is an attractive proposition to both private and fleet & business customers."

Exterior Design

Evoque's highly desirable design is a hallmark of this luxurious compact SUV. The introduction of the slimline LED foglamps and a noticeably wider tow-eye cover enhance the new front bumper design. The enlarged air intakes allude to its sporting character and create a more planted stance and further emphasise Evoque's assertive road presence.

Two new grille designs are available in a range of premium finishes. Evoque's standard grille is distinguished by two bold horizontal bars and a new fine-mesh grille pattern. Dynamic derivatives feature a hexagonal design, and its more prominent mesh area lends a suitably performance-oriented character to these sporting derivatives.

2016 model year Evoque is the first Jaguar Land Rover to be offered with full-LED adaptive headlamps, providing superior visibility at night. This advanced technology has been pivotal in creating a signature headlamp and tail lamp design, working in harmony with Evoque's dramatic exterior. Enhancing safety and creating an even more striking visual statement, the indicator function is now integrated into Evoque's distinctive LED daytime-running lights (DRLs), sweeping across the full width of the light clusters. As an additional benefit, energy-efficient LED technology reduces the demands placed on Evoque's electrical systems.

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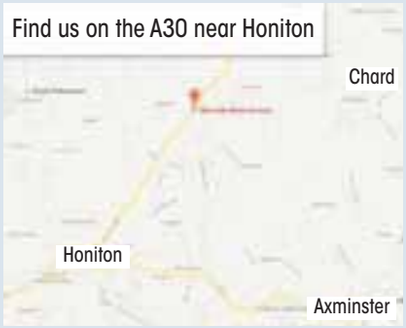

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Sporty Kia Cee'd GT Line Launched With New Engine

▲ Sporty Kia cee'd GT Line

KIA Motors Europe will unveil a new Kia cee'd 'GT Line' specification at the 85th Salon International de l'Automobile in Geneva on 3 March 2015.

In addition to a range of visual upgrades, the new cee'd GT Line signifies the arrival of Kia's all-new downsized 1.0-litre T-GDi (turbo gasoline direct injection) engine and new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission in Europe.

The look of the GT, the versatility of a conventional cee'd

The new GT Line offers buyers the sporty looks of the high performance Kia cee'd GT and pro_cee'd GT and the versatility of the conventional cee'd model family. The GT Line specification is available on all three cee'd body types – five-door cee'd, three-door pro_cee'd and cee'd Sportswagon.

The exterior of the GT Line evolves the design language of the cee'd GT, with ice-cube LED daytime running lights and deeper bumpers surrounding Kia's hallmark 'tiger-nose' grille. At the rear of the car, both the cee'd hatchback and pro_cee'd include the wider GT bumper and twin exhausts, while the Sportswagon is fitted with dual exhausts and a subtle rear diffuser. All GT Line models are fitted as standard with the GT model's eye-catching side sill mouldings and rear LED light units, and a stylish new 17-inch alloy wheel design.

The interior of the cee'd GT Line has been uprated with a higher quality, sportier ambience, inspired by the cabin of the current turbo-powered GT models. The GT Line boasts a classy, new grey, white and black upholstery with grey stitching; a series of GT Line logos throughout the cabin; and the same piano black and leather steering wheel and aluminium alloy pedals fitted to Kia's high-performance GT models. The dashboard is also equipped with a new aluminium start-stop button, GT-inspired centre fascia design, illumination for the USB and aux-in ports and new chrome trim around the air vents and power window switches.

Debut for Kia's downsized 1.0-litre T-GDI three-cylinder engine

For the launch of the cee'd GT Line, Kia is introducing its all-new 1.0-litre 'T-GDi' engine, a downsized, three-cylinder power unit engineered to improve fuel consumption and emissions while offering strong, willing performance and immediate responses to driver input. This is the first of Kia's upcoming range of downsized engines to make its debut in Europe.

The 1.0-litre T-GDi engine produces 120 ps and 172 Nm torque, and has been engineered to deliver lower CO2 emissions than the 1.6-litre GDI engine found in other cee'd models, pending final homologation closer to the GT Line's launch. The 1.0-litre cee'd GT Line is also equipped with Kia's fuel-saving ISG system as standard which improves emissions and fuel economy, and is available with a six-speed manual transmission.

Kia's new turbocharged engine, developed in-house at the company's Namyang R&D centre in Korea, features a high-pressure direct injection system, advanced engine cooling and an integrated exhaust manifold for cleaner emissions and efficient packaging.

Immediate engine response and highly-efficient combustion were cornerstones of the engine's development, fulfilling Kia's sustainable engine downsizing strategy. The all-new 1.0-litre T-GDi engine will be fitted to other vehicles in Kia's European model line-up in future.

More powerful and efficient diesel engine

The cee'd's 1.6-litre CRDi diesel engine has also been upgraded for its application in the new GT Line variant, with power increased from 128 to 133 ps and torque from 265 to 285 Nm. With the small increase in performance, the engine's full torque is now available from lower engine speeds for more effortless acceleration under all road conditions.

Despite the increase in power and performance, however, CO2 emissions are expected to fall slightly once the homologation process is complete.

▲ Sporty Kia cee'd GT Line

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Dorset football round-up

Five-goal Steelmen crush woeful Weymouth

Corby Town 5 Weymouth 1
Southern League Premier – att; 667

WEYMOUTH were crushed by a ruthless Corby Town at Steel Park last Wednesday to increase the pressure on player manager Jason Matthew *writes Stuart Broom*.

From looking possible champions at the New Year, they look like they could miss out on one of the play-off spots on current form.

In their last ten games they have picked up just ten points from a possible thirty, and been well beaten by leaders Poole Town and Corby whilst conceding nine goals.

The Dolphins having beaten Chesham United 3-0 a day earlier now hold a five lead over the Terras with three games in hand, whilst their victors Corby Town are now just a point behind with a game in hand.

With Truro City and Hungerford Town, who fill the remaining two play-off spots in good form, the Terras will need to improve to ensure they do not drop away.

Despite including their two recent new signings, Robbie Matthews from Gosport Borough, and former Magpie Neil Martin from Poole Town, it took the hosts only four minutes to open up the Terras defence when Spencer Weir-Daley was on hand to follow up after Jason Matthews did well to parry Greg Mills' shot after cutting in from the right.

Matthews then did well to stop the Steelmen adding a second after a mix up between Calvin Brooks and Ashley Wells allowed Mills a run on goal.

Shayne Byrne then blazed over the top after Matthews could only parry Stephen Morley's free kick into his path.

Unfortunately an injury to Corby captain Paul Malone, later confirmed as a double fracture of the leg and a dislocated ankle, held the game up for several minutes.

It looked like Weymouth had survived and would get to halftime just a goal in arrears, but in the last minute of added time for the injury to Malone, Cleveland Taylor fired home a free kick off the inside of the post after Robbie Matthews had fouled Carvalho.

Immediately after the restart, Matthews had to make a flying save from Byrne's half volley, but then out of nowhere the Terras pulled one back when Tim Sills headed into an empty net after the hosts keeper Paul Walker flapped at a cross.

This was a mere hiccup in Corby's display as a minute later when Brooks and Wells once again made a hash of things, this time trying to stop Mills inside the box, he got up and confidently beat Matthews from the spot.

However, Weir-Daley ensured no way back for Weymouth with an exquisite finish.

Magpies can't ruffle Robins' feathers

Bideford 1 Dorchester Town 0
South League Premier - att; 216

IAN Sampson's goal midway through the first half temporarily stopped Dorchester's climb to safety from the Southern Premier League at Bideford on Saturday.

In a game of few chances, the Magpies deserved something from the game, but they couldn't turn pressure into goals.

A poor kick by Bideford's keeper Steve Oliver almost gave Dan Smith a chance early on, and despite some nice touches in midfield, the Robins had to work hard to keep Dorchester at bay and Smith was denied another chance when he was thwarted by Nick Barker's challenge.

Two minutes later and against the run of play, Bideford scored the only goal when Sampson fired past Alan Walker-Harris.

Nathan Walker almost levelled for the Magpies on 36 minutes but his header from a set piece just cleared the crossbar.

However, Bideford finished the first half the stronger and Squire had a shot-cleared off the line.

Dorchester started the second half on the front foot and felt they might have had a penalty when Lewis Morgan appeared to be pushed in the box, but referee Andy Bennett dismissed their appeals.

Bideford were happy to sit back and attack on the counter, and almost doubled the advantage but Walker-Harris tipped Richard Groves free kick around the post.

Player-manager Mark Jermyn was disappointed that despite all their possession, his side could not pierce the Bideford defence.

"We know we are not going to win every game, but I was disappointed we failed to break them down. We virtually dominated the possession; but a lapse of concentration led to their goal.

"They had two or three shots in the whole of the game, and considering the amount of possession we had and the areas we were in to cross the ball, we just didn't capitalise on the good work we did.

The county town boss recognised that despite their great start since he returned to The Avenue, there would be ups and downs.

Goals win matches

"You don't win games on how much possession of the ball you have, the whole point is to get the ball in the net and we didn't manage that.

"From the position we were in to where we are now, we are in a better place, but the players know I expect more which unfortunately wasn't there this week.

"We're never going to change it overnight and there are going to be drops in performance, and this was one of them.

"It's how we react to it. I felt that we didn't deserve to lose to Truro and Cirencester, and I think we had a very good claim for penalty when Lewis Morgan was pushed over which could have put us back in the game.

"However, I don't want to make excuses; we should have been better than that and broken them down."

Jermyn didn't absolve himself from blame either, feeling that he, and his assistant Nick Crittenden, could have reacted and made tactical changes quicker.

"We need to look at how we dealt with the situation. In hindsight we might have made changes sooner, and perhaps they were not far reaching enough. But it's new to Nick and me, and is work in progress."

He concluded: "It's by no means a disaster. In my eyes we have only lost that game because they scored and we failed to get ourselves back in the game. That's what's frustrating."

Dorset Football League

THE BALTI HOUSE recovered from their 8-1 mauling by Holt United last week and maintain their three point lead at the top of the **Senior League** by beating visitors Okeford Utd 4-1 with goals from Carl McClements (2), Ricky Lane and Grant Chance.

CHICKERELL UTD stay in second place with a game in hand and better goal difference after goals from Josh Burton and Josh Why gave them a 2-0 home victory over Corfe Mullen Utd.

Blandford Utd Res moved further away from the bottom two after their 5-1 win at DORCHESTER SPORTS. Jamie Beasley netted the consolation.

In **Divison One** KANGAROOS lost their top of the table clash with leaders Stourpaine who increased their lead to 12 points with a 5-3 victory.

Bottom side POUNDBURY ROVERS earned a point in their 2-2 draw with visitors Bere Regis with goals from Jordan Butler and Steve Hillier.

WYKE REGIS SC lost 6-2 to **Division Two** leaders Gillingham A, whilst Portesham Utd went down by a single goal at Broadstone.

PORTLAND TOWN RES leapfrogged their visitors PUDDLETOWN into fifth in **Division Three** after a hat-trick from Alex Counter gave them a 3-1 victory.

Meanwhile, Sturminster Newton Utd Res moved further away from the bottom two after their 6-2 home win over last placed MAIDEN NEWTON & CATTISTOCK.

PORTLAND UTD YOUTH clinched the **Division Four** title with two games to go after beating second placed Fleetline 5-2 who cannot be overtaken for the runner-up spot.

Robert Maxstead (2),Alan Skelton, Stuart Burley and Luke Copperthwate scored for the new champions.

Despite two goals from Elliott Gould and one for Liam Puckett, PORTLAND TOWN A were beaten 4-3 at Pimperne SS

Owermoigne and UFC POUNDBURY shared four goals with Ismael Gonzalaz and James Roper scoring for the hosts and Stephen Bundy and Sam Course for Poundbury.

In **Division Five** UFC POUNDBURY RES played out a 2-2 draw at AFC Blandford Res.

KANGAROOS RES won a high scoring **Division Four & Five League cup** match 6-4 against PORTLAND TOWN B.

Will Turland and Kevin Webber both netted hat tricks for Kangaroos, as did Pole Cole for Portland along with one from Pete Williams.

Dorchester & District Snooker

RECENT results and tables as at February 22nd: WDC Whipping Boys 4 Trinity M 4, Trinity Express 1 Purbeck Potters 6. **Top Break of the Season**: G Bartlett 68.

Week 15	Pld	Pts
Trinity M	14	64
Bridport Con Club	12	56
WDC YYMFDT	13	47
Colliton XQ2014	13	46
Trinity Express	13	44
Trinity Gooduns	10	40
Purbeck Potters	11	37
Colliton Hopefuls	12	37
Whipping Boys	15	23

Team Handicap Cup Final; Purbeck Potters v Trinity M - Wednesday, March 4th at Colliton Club 7pm.

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Cup Final: Trinity M v Brid Con Club WDC A or Trinity Express. The date for the final is Monday, March 9th at Colliton Club at 7pm.

Rearranged matches; Trinity Express v Trinity Gooduns - Thursday February 26th, Trinity Gooduns v Brid. Con Club WDC A – Thursday, March 12th, Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity Gooduns - to finish, score to date 1-4, Trinity Gooduns v Purbeck Potters - being rearranged by team captains.

Rugby: Dorch youngsters prove size isn't everything!

Dorchester RFC U12 60
Swanage 15

THE size of the Swans forwards didn't put off the Dorchester players as they emerged comfortable winners despite a shaky start.

Wind, rain and lots of mud didn't deter the lion's share of the Dorchester squad turning up to face a slightly depleted Swans team.

What they lacked in numbers though the visitors more than made up for in size, with two forwards who literally towered over the entire Dorchester team.

Swans used these big players to great effect in the opening stages of the game and Dorchester soon found themselves 10-0 down.

After this slow start, the hosts soon pressed more in defence and forced errors in the Swanage back line.

When they won clean ball themselves Dorchester showed flair and a willingness to run and pass the ball despite the wet and windy conditions.

Swans managed to cross the Dorchester just once more but the skill of the hosts soon put them on top, scoring five tries to make the score 30–15 at half time.

The second half saw some fresh legs come on for Dorchester and despite Swans spending time close to the Dorchester line they couldn't cross the whitewash to score.

Dorchester capitalised on the tiring opponents and put together some great passages of play in difficult conditions. Five more tries from the hosts were unanswered making the final score 60–15.

Try scorers: Jamie Stewart (2), Ethan Prestwood, Freddie Charles, Corey Waters, Jack Haslewood, Reuben Joliffe (2) and Kieran Heath (2).

Weymouth Basketball

Record intact - the joke's on the Jesters!

Weymouth Mission Fitness Bandits 81
Exmouth Jesters 1st 57

THE Exmouth side currently sitting just behind The Mission Fitness Bandits in the league table could only manage to bring eight players to take on a strong ten-man Weymouth squad which gave the home team a slight advantage before the game had even started.

The Jesters took an early lead scoring the first four points of the game but the Bandits soon responded with Joel Franks opening the home side's score and Chris Canham firing a three pointer from down town.

Baskets were then traded between both sides but the home side's aggressive defence gave them the lead 23-12 at th end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was much as the first, with forced turnovers made by Weymouth's strong defence, creating fast breaks for Craig Sorrell. Getting the away team into foul trouble helped the Bandits continue to grow the lead, and they ended the half with a 42-23 lead.

The Jesters went into the second half with a new life of energy. Knowing they were unable to break through the Bandits defence, they were creating accurate outside shooting and more control of the home sides quick fast break situations.

As a result they managed to match Weymouth's score for the third quarter of 21 points each, leaving the Bandits with a 63-44 lead going into the fourth.

The final quarter was all about holding the lead for Weymouth.

With good effort from MVP Vitoldas Balciunas down both ends of the court, they always looked like the stronger team in this mid-table match and finished the game with a comfortable 81–57 win, remaining undefeated at home all season.

Weymouth's Craig Sorrell said: "This was a great team performance which highlighted just how strong we can be."

Scorers/Roster: *Vitoldas Balciunas 16, Ian Manley 16, Craig Sorrell 14, Chris Canham 13, Jim DeBetrand 8, Joel Franks 6, Andy Steel 4, Carl Carter 4, Richie Camp, Brett Dunster.*

Croquet? Come and have a try

CROQUET has perhaps been seen by many as elitist and expensive - but that is not so.

Kingston Maurward Croquet Club are a thriving organisation who are looking to recruit more members and offering the opportunity to new members to try the game at a open day in April for what is a relatively inexpensive sport.

Kingston Maurward Croquet Club (KMCC) is located in the grounds of the Georgian mansion house on the outskirts of Dorchester, close to Stinsford.

The two croquet lawns are sited on the old tennis courts, and are most picturesque, bordered on two sides by gardens with cascades of flowers, and are sheltered by large yew hedges on the others.

The game of croquet was invented for the rising Victorian middle classes, but within ten years the game had been superceded by lawn tennis, as demonstrated by Wimbledon's change of name from a croquet club to a lawn tennis and croquet club.

Over the years croquet has been played under different rules. Today there are basically two games played in the UK - Association Croquet and Golf Croquet.

The former is a more complex, strategic game where you build breaks as in snooker.

AC games take longer to play, while GC is increasingly popular as the game takes about one hour.

The KMCC was formed in 1987, by Jeremy Marshall who has been chairman since 1992. He has steered the Club through various stages of development, including the recent opening of a new club house, and in 2014 was awarded the

◆ COME AND JOIN US: A chance to sample the game

prestigious Croquet Association Diploma for his services to croquet.

The club competes in five leagues in the South West Federation with away matches as far afield as Bristol and Cornwall.

Some members enter tournaments countrywide and occasionally abroad.

Croquet is not a vicious game as many non-players believe. Yes you do hit away opponents balls but all in the best spirit of the game.

The club holds club mornings and afternoons each week and organises monthly fun days.

Croquet is not expensive. The club has mallets to lend and flat-soled shoes will do. Once hooked, a mallet can be bought for £150 and upwards, and light coloured clothing is preferred. Matches are played in whites.

Current membership totals roughly 60, demonstrating a wide range of handicaps, and including qualified coaches and referees.

The KMCC season lasts from the end of March or the beginning of April (depending on the condition of the lawns), and typically ends on the first Sunday of October.

KMCC welcomes new members. Try swinging a mallet at the Open Afternoon on Sunday, April 12th between 2-4pm.

If that works out there is a beginner's course over three lessons, starting on Saturday, April 18th 2-4pm, at a small charge, which is refundable on joining the club.

Further coaching by club experts is scheduled to follow the initial course.

For further information please contact Alwin Greder at alwin@greder.net.

Bridport Table Skittles

Division A	Pld	Pts	B/L
Jesters	12	48	8
Chilli Heads	13	44	9
Crown Duels	12	41	8
What an Anchor	13	38	7
Second Hand	13	37	11
Ria Gunners	13	32	6
No Hopers	12	27	4
What's the Odds	13	23	5
Baggies Boys	12	13	3
Mucking Fuddlers	13	12	2

Division B	Pld	B/L	Pts
Devils	13	43	8
George Gormets	13	41	9
Odds Against	12	39	7
Fred's Heroes	12	39	9
Consorts	13	36	5
Mel's Men	13	29	9
Fishermens Fr	12	25	6
Anchor Aces	13	22	5
Slingers	13	21	2
Five Alive	12	18	3

Division C	Pld	B/L	Pts
Pat the Hat	12	43	9
Bellends	11	32	7
Nelson Villains	12	31	9
Pin Ups	11	30	8
Little Nibblers	12	30	6
Stickups	11	28	5
About Time	11	27	4
Holy Sheeets	11	21	2
No Problem	11	21	2

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results; Cloakham 2 Nags Head LR 3, Gerrard Arms 2 New Inn Kilm 3, Lamb Swans 3 Stepps 2, Old Inn Kilm 2 Beer Club 3, Royal Oak 3 Ship Inn LR 2.

Beer League; Cloakham Lawns 1 Nags Head LR 2, Gerrard Arms 2 New Inn Kilm 1, Lamb Swans 1 Stepps 2, Old Inn Kilm 2 Beer Club 1, Royal Oak 1 Ship Inn LR 2.

Fixtures (March 2nd); Stepps v Talbot Arms, Beer Club v Nags Head, Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm, Old Inn Kilm v Cloakham Lawns, Royal Oak v Gerrard Arms, Ax Con Club v Lamb Swans.

Table – week 20	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilmington	20	63
Beer Club	19	57
Lamb Swans	20	54
Ship Inn LR	20	52
Axminster Con Club	19	51
Nags Head LR	20	51
Royal Oak	19	51
Old Inn Kilmington	20	45
Gerrard Arms	20	44
Stepps	20	43
Talbot Arms	19	41
Cloakham Lawns	20	38

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kilmington	20	37
Ship Inn LR	20	35
Gerrard Arms	20	33
New Inn Kilmington	20	32
Nags Head LR	20	31
Stepps	20	30
Lamb Swans	20	30
Talbot Arms	19	28
Royal Oak	19	27
Cloakham Lawns	20	26
Axminster Con Club	19	25
Beer Club	19	21

Lyme Golf

Wight Again

IN the midweek stableford Stuart Wight continued to impress with a winning score of 38 points, with John Yorke close behind on 37 points and junior captain George Seed, 3rd with 34 points.

Sadly the annual ladies competition of Captain versus Vice-Captain fell victim to the weather, but despite the forecast many turned up eager to play.

◆ Lyme GC ladies are holding a coffee morning at the Club on Tuesday, March 17th in aid of the Captain's charity The Neuro Foundation.

Hockey

Hawks suffer second successive defeat

West Dorset Hawks 0
Isca B 1

DESPITE Isca B holding second place in Southern 2 West Dorset were not expecting too hard a match considering they had beaten their opponents 5-2 in the reverse fixture.

In fact they should have won this contest easily on chances and possession.

Isca scored with their only shot on target whilst the Hawks peppered the Exeter goal relentlessly and only poor shooting and brilliant defending, particularly from the visiting keeper, stopped a rout.

Fourth placed Hawks needed to win to keep their chances of promotion alive, particularly following the loss at Plymouth University the previous week, and with just four games to go this all but ends their ambitions.

Looking for a morale-boosting win the hosts started well and created a number of chances without finding the net, typified by the normally clinical Alex Davies who to his disgust missed an open goal.

Isca sat deeper and deeper, relying on their speedy wingers who helped win a few short corners, one of which just before half time they scored from totally against the run of play.

The second half if anything was more intense around the visitors goal, but despite relentless pressure they survived; the highlight being two fantastic saves by the keeper from thunderous strikes from Dan Wyatt following short corners.

A frustrated Hawks continued to exert the pressure but in the end there was not enough time or energy left and Isca hung on.

West Dorset still in position despite league ruling

Minehead B 1
West Dorset A 4

WEST Dorset A put the disappointment of the league decision to award close rivals Ashmoor A a mandatory 5-0 victory after they had to cancel a rearranged fixture, by beating Minehead B to keep up their challenge for promotion from the Davis Wood League South East 2.

Despite the long trip to North Somerset, West Dorset quickly found their rhythm and bossed the game from the off, passing the ball nicely and creating the best chances.

They took the lead after eight minutes when John Dormer passed the ball to Bob Dormer to smash the ball home.

Minehead were giving the visitors far too much time and space thus allowing them to control possession and pick their passes, and they took advantage to extend their lead on 20 minutes when Kiwi Rich Wilson was left unmarked at the back post to guide a loose ball home.

West Dorset keeper Lee Herrod was having one of his quieter afternoons and whenever the home side did get into dangerous positions the visitors' defence blunted their attacks; Robin Goodfellow being particularly effective at centre back.

With halftime approaching, West Dorset scored their third. Rick Steele found Rick Dormer in the area and he had time to pick his spot to make the score 3-0.

The second half was a repeat of the first insofar as the visitors played most of the game in Minehead's half but some good goalkeeping and defending kept the score at 3-0.

However, West Dorset were also a bit more careless in possession and with seven minutes left Minehead reduced the arrears.

But within a minute West Dorset had once again extended their lead when Bob Dormer beat the keeper at his near post with a superb rear stick strike to complete the scoring.

Skipper Henry Middleton was full of praise for Bob Dormer who he said: "Had made a habit of scoring some outstanding goals this season.

"Rick Dormer and Rick Steele had solid games for us in midfield as did Darren Cook who did well playing his first game at right back."

The decision to punish West Dorset was taken after the Ashmoor were given permission to cancel the original fixture due to their involvement in a national cup competition.

A new date was set to play the game two weeks ago on a Sunday but West Dorset had to cancel as they could not get a team.

As a result the league has awarded the Exeter side the game as a 5-0 win.

This put them within two points of West Dorset, but that increased to four points after Saturday's games, when Ashmoor could only draw at North Devon A.

With three games to go WD are in the second automatic promotion spot, but face two tough games; at home to leaders Bridgwater B on Saturday and away to fourth placed North Devon A, who could still claim second, the following week.

Beaminster Ladies had no game as the ladies Channel league Divisin One took a break last week.

Channel Division One	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sherborne 2nd	16	41
BEAMINSTER	16	28
Bournemouth 3rd	15	25
Salisbury 3rd	15	22
B & SN 2nd	16	19
Salisbury 4th	16	19
Yeovil & Sherborne 3rd	15	13
Gillingham 2nd	15	9

Davis Wood Division One	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	18	51
Isca C	18	37
Sidmth & Ottery St Mary A	17	28
WEST DORSET	18	27
Bude	18	26
Camborne SoM	17	24
Plymouth University A	17	20
USHC Plymouth	18	20
PGSOB A	17	18
OPM A	18	17
East Devon A	17	15
Truro B	17	8

SE Division Two	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	15	39
W.DORSET A	15	34
Ashmoor A	15	30
North Devon A	15	30
Bridgwater C	15	21
Sidmth & Ottery St Mary C	14	21
Chard A	14	19
Taunton Vale D	14	8
Minehead B	15	6
Sidmth & Ottery St Mary D	14	4

Rugby

Spectacular second half turnaround for Blues

Ellingham & Ringwood 2nd 17
Bridport 39

WHEN Ellingham & Ringwood visited Bridport back in November they had a tough time of it, losing three players to injury and also the game, 56–29.

Thus Bridport travelled to Ringwood confident of reversing a run of three losses home and away.

Early pressure from the visitors however was not turned into points as both their set-piece and handling faltered, and it was E & R who opened the scoring with a well worked wide move; the full back crossing the line and the conversion kicked.

Shortly afterwards a turnover in midfield resulted in some good interplay between Man of the Match Nathan Herbert and Lee Burdett, setting the latter free to score in the corner. The tricky conversion was missed.

Having got back in the game Bridport then conceded two sloppy tries, neither of which was converted, leaving them unexpectedly trailing 17-5 at the end of a disappointing first half.

However the second half saw Bridport suddenly spark into life, a dominant scrum providing quick ball to the backs and a chance for Ricky Stubbs to streak through the defence to score.

Stand-in kicker Will Everitt added the two points.

As the hail lashed down the game opened up, and paradoxically Bridport's handling improved in the dreadful conditions.

Herbert was the first to benefit, pouncing on loose ball and scoring under the posts, Everitt kicking a straightforward conversion.

There followed the try of the game, as slick passing created an overlap for winger Joe Hewetson to score in the corner. The kick was missed.

Now playing near their best, the visitors added three more good unconverted tries from Daragh McLoughlin, Ollie Everitt and a length of the pitch effort from Burdett.

With Bridport's defence remaining solid in the second half, the hosts were unable to add to their total to give Bridport 39 – 17 victory, a convincing and morale boosting win for the Blues.

Bridport U12 22 Ivel 10

IN only their third game of 2015, Bridport and Ivel played it out to a tough result.

The visitors went ahead with a try within the first quarter following a superb cross kick from Sol Withers.

Bridport were hard pressed until the beginning of the second half when Ivel scored again.

With a man down Bridport then started to take the match well into the visitors half.

Grit and determination helped Bridport secure 22 points in a tight second half with two tries from Sam Roberts-Wray, one from Toby Taylor and a first try from Paul Mullany, with Joe O'Hagan adding the extras to give Bridport a win over their rivals.

Players from both teams held their heads high in testing conditions for a match worth braving the weather to watch.

Oaks teach U11 Blues a lesson

ALTHOUGH Bridport competed well in the cold dry conditions before the rain, they were given a clear lesson in how to hold position in the back line.

Every time Oakmedians broke from ruck or maul, the ball was fed quickly to a back line that took the ball at pace and used the full width of the pitch.

Bridport won many mauls, but the ball was fed to a static back line compressed near the action, and it became a struggle for them to cross the gain line.

Consequently, Oakmedians final score of 12 tries to 1 reflected superior positioning and running of well-drilled backs, not ball winning superiority, which Bridport clearly demonstrated.

Jack Handford's baptism at scrum half was promising, and Oliver Hansford-Harvey's single try could have been shared with five or six others if only all the backs would spread wide, take the ball at pace, and tackle.

Bridport U9s give Oaks a run for their money

THE young Blues were first out of the blocks against a side who'd given them a torrid time when they visited Bridport.

But that was then, and with the confidence of some good recent wins behind them, the visitors were soon two tries up.

Although Oakmedians came back at them they won the first game 6–3 with Barney Johnson and Charles Edwards contributing three apiece.

With only seven players, and so no possible subs, it was understandable that Bridport's intensity fell away a bit in the next two games which Oakmedians won 6–2 and 4–2.

Player of the Match Johnson scored three of them and Edwards the other.

As ever this was a terrific team effort, lit up with some stirring passages of play.

Tight finish as Dorchester take West Dorset U16's indoor Cricket title

Weymouth U16 119-4 lost to Cerne Valley 128-5 by 9 runs

BATTING first Cerne's openers Matt Webb (25) and Ben Simpson (28) produced an opening stand full of stylish shots and excellent running.

Joe James got Weymouth back in the match taking two wickets, but could not remove Solo Roper who's 37 not out enabled Cerne to close on 128-5.

In Weymouth's reply, tight bowling and superb fielding kept the run rate down.

Steady knocks from from James (28), Dom Webb (26) and Jack Sapsworth (26) kept Weymouth in the game, but Roper accounted for all three in a devastating spell, the chips were down and despite a battling innings from both Pete Sapsworth and Owen Lovett, Weymouth fell nine runs short in a thrilling finish.

Dorchester U16 122-5 beat Portland 116 all out by 6 runs

DORCHESTER held their nerve to beat Portland in a classic encounter between two evenly matched teams.

Batting first Dorchester got of to a steady start with 34 coming from the first four overs.

Ben MacKlin (15) was removed by an impressive caught and bowled from Ben Alford.

A cultured unbeaten 32 from S.Khan held the Dorchester innings together and he was well supported by knocks of 18 from S.Horne and Will Morgan (15) as their innings closed on 122-5.

Portland's reply began in the worst possible fashion with Alford run out off the first ball of the innings. Thomas Hinde (4) quickly followed, clean bowled by Ollie Osbourne as Dorchester gained the upper hand.

But Joe Adkins (34) and Jacob Coombes (21) then led a magnificent fight back.With Matt Barrett(27) at the crease it looked like curtains for Dorchester as Portland climbed above the required run rate.

Morgan returned and accounted for Coombes in a wicket maiden as the game took another twist.

Barrett was then run out and Horne cleaned bowled Adkins with six required and Dorchester sealed victory with another excellent run out accounting for Durrant (13) with Portland still having 14 balls to reach their target.

Dorchester and Cerne finished with identical records but the title was won by Dorchester by virtue of scoring more runs per wickets lost (32.09 to Cerne's 30.79).

Weymouth A U14 143-2 beat Cerne Valley 142-4 by 4 wickets

BATTING first Cerne's openers David Gray (28) and Sam Downey (24) punished anything wayward as they put Weymouth's attack to the sword.

With these two retiring, the run rate slowed as the Weymouth attack found its line and quickly took two wickets.

But 24 not out from Patrick Taylor enabled Cerne to close on a challenging 142-4.

Weymouth's reply began slowly as Cerne applied the pressure with some excellent groundwork and tight bowling. Joe James (9) departed to a magnificent catch behind from David Gray as Cerne made Weymouth work hard for every run. Cultured knocks of 29 from Dom Webb and Josh Brown (27) pushed Weymouth towards their target and a hard driven straight eight from Brown sealed victory with nine balls to spare.

Portland 103 all out beat Weymouth B 91 all out by 12 runs

Portland were made to fight all the way to maintain their unbeaten run and lift the Champions Trophy by a battling Weymouth B in a classic encounter.

Portland's openers Ben Alford (28 no) and Joe Adkins (28 no) didn't have it all their own way against some inspired bowling and fielding as Weymouth looked to inflict a first defeat on a below par Portland.

Knocks of 18 from Charlie Durrant and 16 from Jacob Coombes pushed the Portland total past the 100 barrier as they were made to fight for every run.

Weymouth's reply got off to the worst possible start with Adkins taking a fine catch behind to dismiss Ned Hazell for a duck of the bowling of Coombes, who struck again to dismiss the dangerous Pete Sapsworth (15) as Portland looked to close out the game in style.

Dylan Elliot had other ideas and his stylish 22 edged Weymouth towards victory in a pulsating game.

Portland's fielders produced a sharp display and two excellent run outs from Thomas Hinde swung the game in their favour .Another run out accounted for the brave Owen Lovett (4) as Portland polished of the Weymouth innings to win by 12 runs.

Nigel Williams of the host venue Osprey Leisure Centre said: "For us it is fantastic to host an event that is ideally suited to our large main hall facility and to see the viewing gallery full of parents and spectators was wonderful.

"The league games were all contested in the right spirit of the game and a huge thanks must go to the league organisers, Grant Neven and Aarron Riley for their hard work."

Neven said: "All the players were a credit to their clubs and we all must thank the Staff at Osprey."

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, March 2nd:

Over 58s - 2nd Round

Tuesday, March 3rd

TIGER: C Langdon; L Dare; M Legg; B Churchill; M Barnes; L Smith; M Hansford; S Yeatman; N Pye; A Wiscombe; S Gale; G Legg; A Huxter; D Maunder; B Chapple; H Yeatman.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	14	26
Rejects	13	20
Shipfaced	13	20
Masters	14	18
Rockets	14	16
Rough Eight	14	14
Lively Lads	14	12
Denhay	13	11
Outsiders	13	10
Slingers	14	8
Broadoak	14	5
The Dingles	14	4

Division B	Pld	Pts
Nelson Nobblers	13	24
U Know the Blokes	14	21
Dingbats	14	20
Originals	14	18
NBC	14	16
Bangers	13	11
7" Clock	14	10
Crazy Gang	14	10
Gerryatrics	14	10
LHS	14	10
Miss The Ball	14	10
Mean Machine	14	6

Division C	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	14	24
Castouts	14	22
Whiskey Chasers	14	19
Bulldogs	14	18
Pioneers	14	18
Strawpeedoes	14	13
Aussies Lot	14	12
Pinseekers	14	11
Survivors	14	10
Unknowns	14	10
Alcoholics	14	8
AFAR	14	3

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alleycats	14	20
Yo Yo's	14	20
Groundhogs	10	16
Stinger	14	16
Let 'em Roll	12	14
Offcuts	12	13
Brandy Snaps	12	12
Featherbeds	13	12
Hidden Talent	11	12
Bad Girls	13	7
Pinbashers	13	6
Tiger Lilies	14	4

Highest individual League score: A.Coombes, F.Parsons, D.Smith & I Reeve all 92.

Sea Angling

Wrasse the way to do it!

LYME REGIS Sea Angling Club held their annual trophy night recntly at the Cobb Arms.

Willow Herbert (pictured below) won the best shore caught Ballan Wrasse - beating all the seniors!

Bridport Youth FC

Bridport struggle to pierce blanket defence

Corfe Mullen U18 1
Bridport Youth 1

RIGHT from kick-off Corfe Mullen set up an eight-man defence in an attempt to avoid the humiliation they suffered in the reverse fixture when then conceded four goals in the opening ten minutes.

Their tactics appeared to be paying off, when, after a fine save from their keeper from an Olly Mullins blaster, their route-one long ball found space behind the Bridport defence and they took the lead.

Bridport pressured the Corfe defence, winning numerous corners and had a great chance to equalise when Olly Woodcock's shot was saved on the line by the hand of a Corfe defender who was red carded.

Uncharacteristically, Sam Tabner pulled his spot kick wide and Bridport went in at half-time a goal down, but with the knowledge that a ten-man Corfe were there for the taking.

Time and time again Bridport peppered the home box in the second half with crosses and near misses before Woodcock found the net with a delightful weave around a stranded home 'keeper.

Despite the ball spending almost the entire second period in Corfe's half, the visitors failed to capitalise and, out of frustration, began trying long range shots while Corfe ran the clock down, more than happy with the final result.

Bridport Manager Terry Warren said: "It was a very frustrating game. When the opposition sets up to play with such negativity, sometimes even the best football cannot counter it. It was like trying to get through a herd of cows in the Corfe final third."

Disappointment in national 5-a-side

BRIDPORT Youth travelled up the M5 to take part in the SW regional heats of the FA People's Cup which attracted over 30,000 people nationally over the weekend.

Over 40 adult 5-a-side teams from the South West took part but Bridport cruised through the group stages, winning all four games comfortably to finish top of their table and looking like one of the strongest contenders to qualify.

However, their final 16 round game was shortened to 10 minutes and they struggled to get up to speed in time, managing only a 3-3 draw and heartbreakingly losing 3-1 in the ensuing penalty shoot-out.

Manager Terry Warren said: " I really thought we might go all the way, this short passing and attacking football is what we're all about.

"The lads all played superbly and we were head and shoulders above many of the teams, but a penalty shootout is mostly just down to luck.

Bridport squad: *Hoskins, Foulsham, Gregory (c), Warren, Hayter, Woodcock, Ayunga, Tabner.*

■ **HEADS UP:** Jonah Ayunga (blue shirt) towers above the Corfe Mullen defence, but Bridport U18s were held to a 1-1 draw by their hosts.

Football partnership looking for new chairman as Joy stands down

THE Bridport & District Community Football Partnership (BFP) is looking for a new chairman after Geoff Joy decided to stand down after nearly ten years in the job.

◆ **STANDING DOWN:** Geoff Joy

The 58-year-old who has been involved with local football all his life was a cultured defender who played for Dorchester Town, Weymouth and Bridport. He succeeded Derek Cash as chairman of BFP nearly 10 years ago during the plan to build new changing rooms at St Mary's Football Ground.

He then successfully managed the partnership and oversaw the completion of the new changing rooms at Bridport FC during which time the partnership worked closely with the Football Association and the Football Foundation to secure the necessary funding to complete the project.

To be eligible for the necessary grants the partnership were expected to raise a percentage of the costs themselves which they did through various activities such as football tournaments and duck races.

Following the completion of the changing rooms, the partnership has continued to raise funds that have supported many activities for local football clubs.

These have included donations for improvements to facilities, purchasing of new equipment and funding local coaches/managers to upgrade and maintain their coaching qualifications.

There have been many people involved in the partnership over the years including Bridport stalwart Mark Lock and Charmouth FC Chairman Wayne Causley who have been the main drivers behind the fund raising projects.

Football Development Manager and secretary Mike Thompson said: "Geoff has led this group of dedicated volunteers with professionalism, dignity and undoubted successful leadership."

As a result the BFP have issued a statement it reads:

Bridport and District Community Football Partnership

"ARE you interested in improving sports facilities in the district, helping local football clubs to develop their facilities and promoting football at all levels?

The Bridport Football Partnership is a registered charity committed to improving football standards in the area.

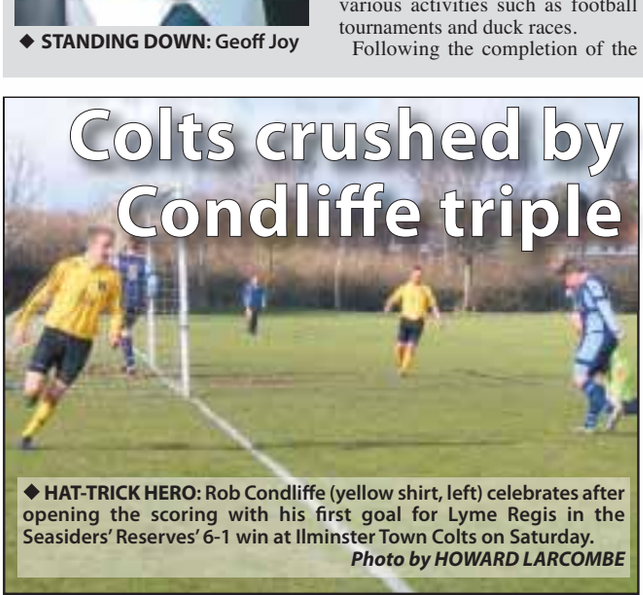
It is a partnership with all local football clubs working together to develop facilities and provide coaching opportunities.

If you are passionate about local football and have a strong desire to see increased opportunities for participation in the game, an opportunity exists for the position of CHAIRMAN.

Closing date March 27th.

For informal discussions, contact the outgoing chairman Geoff Joy on 01308 425495 or e-mail g.joy@fs-mail.net for more information."

Colts crushed by Condliffe triple



◆ **HAT-TRICK HERO:** Rob Condliffe (yellow shirt, left) celebrates after opening the scoring with his first goal for Lyme Regis in the Seasiders' Reserves' 6-1 win at Ilminster Town Colts on Saturday.

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

Bridport & WD Indoor Bowls

Success on the road for Bridport bowlers

BRIDPORT have been on fine form in their latest friendlies away at Yeovil and Dorchester.

Roger Cowmeadow, Peter Varney, Lyn Craddock & Phil Hedges took the top rink award at YEOVIL; a 2,2 finish giving them a 22-15 win, whilst Nova Varney, Barbara Jenkins, Brian Baker & Mike Craddock just held on to win 18-17 as their opponents finished with 5,1 counts.

Erica Sarson, David Aylott, Jenny Harding & Keith Jenkins drew 17.17.

Two teams shared the top rink award at DORCHESTER by winning by six shots - Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Mel Hargett & Lyn Craddock won 23-17, while Beryl Stork, Mike Parsons, Mary Hansford & Mike Craddock triumphed 19-13.

Sandra Hargett, Cowmeadow, Ann Parkins & Baker also won 15-13, while Brian Parker, Barbara Jenkins, Barry Mapson & Hedges finished 2,5,2 to force a 21-21 draw.

Bridport Ladies are through to the County Knockout competition after an extra end shoot-out against MOONFLEET B.

Pamela Daters, Margaret Pestelle, Ann Turtell & Sue Walsh's rink won by three at home but, with Francis Hewett, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp losing by three at Weymouth, it required an extra end.

For this Bridport had the advantage of playing at home which proved decisive, as Walsh's four picked up a one count for the win.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	16	28
Knapp Inn	17	22
Robs Robbers	17	20
Nomads	15	19
Outsiders	16	17
Hands of Time	15	15
Nags Head A	16	14
Rubber Johns	15	13
It's in the Middle	15	12
The Hitmen	16	11
One for the Vikings	16	3

180s leaders: Tony Young x8, Terry Prowse x5, seven players all x4, six players x3.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	14	23
Dat Team	14	20
Elders	14	19
Odds or Us	14	19
Les Miserables	14	17
Poachers	13	13
Royal Hawks	13	9
Anchor Vale Viewers	14	8
Flashes Fives	14	6
The Surgeons	14	4

180s leaders: Andy Reid & P.Rowley both x4, Robin Townsend x3, Len Challis, Mike Savage & Simon Warry all x2, six players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	15	21
Midnight Runners	15	19
Time Bombs	14	17
Mis Fit	15	17
Inbetweeners	13	16
Anchor Five	14	15
Only Just	16	12
The Royal Nuts	16	12
Odds & Sods	13	8
Tip Top Odds	13	7

180s leaders: Chris Eaton & Paul Bearpark both x3, Andre Reynolds x2, seven players x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	16	20
Tiger Bees	14	20
Sorted Odds	17	20
Robbie's Rebels	14	20
No Direction	14	19
Whamo	15	17
Con Artists	14	13
Mozzies Heroes	17	10
Red Arrows	15	8
Money Shotz Mafia	18	7

180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, J.Hunter, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell, Fran Potter & Andy Page (all x1).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	20	35
Anchor Aces	20	29
Clocking In	19	26
Knight 'n' Gals	20	24
Against the Odds	20	17
Queen Bees	20	15
Queenies of the Club	20	6
Cliff Hangers	19	6

180s: Sarah Chick x4, Janet Collins & Tina Dawe both x2, Sharon Poole, Liz Vowells & Sue Violet all x1.

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Sue's Rebels	18	28
Castaways	18	27
Tracey's Tarts	18	26
Next Door	17	18
Wildcats	17	16
Good Mates	17	14
Anchors Aweigh	18	14
Tiger Stripes	18	10
Charlie's Angels	17	5

180s leaders: L.Sweet x1

Lyme Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	14	28
Nags Head A	13	23
Nags Z	12	17
Rockpoint	11	16
Janners	13	14
Royal Standard	12	12
Four Play	13	11
Talbot Arms	13	10
Hunters Lodge	11	9
George	12	4
Cobb Arms	10	4
Half an Octopus	14	0

180s: Terry Prowse x5, Mark Barnett x4, Wayne Doble x3, R.Cross x2, seven players x1.

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Division One (Feb 21st):

Rob Millward W 3-0 19.78
Ed Coutes L 2-3 19.45
Vinny Sweeney L 2-3 19.08
Mark Fisher W 3-1 23.71
Alex Anning W 3-2 23.32
Terry Prowse W 3-1 25.91
Rich Powell L 0-3 20.78
Wayne Doble W 3-2 21.36
Mary Wackley W 3-1 19.40
PoM: Wayne Doble

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INSIDE: local sport round-up

Jules walks away with trio of top awards

◆ **TOP MAN:** Tony Lee (left) receiving the Club Champion (Nett) trophy from Club Captain Brian Frampton.

JULES Walker went home with an armful of trophies following the Charminster Golf Club Annual Dinner and Presentation Awards 2014 evening held at the Charminster Caddy Shack recently.

The 18-year old won the Order of Merit Trophy for Division One Sunday competitions given for the cumulative medal results during the season, as well as the Sunday Stableford Cup and was adjudged the Most Improved Division One Player.

Double

Bob Irwin also did the double of Order of Merit Trophy and Stableford Cup in the Division Two Wednesday competition.

Andy Draper's consistency over the season won him the Order of Merit Trophy for Division Two Sunday, with Peter Churchill taking the Division One Wednesday title.

Dave Wallbridge's progress during the year was also recognised with the Most Improved Division Two Player Trophy, whilst Tony Lee won the Club Champion (Nett) Award.

Members have been keeping their hand in before the season starts next month, by playing a series of non-qualifying competitions during January and February where playing conditions have varied from good to very difficult and wet.

◆ **WELL DONE:** Dave Wallbridge (left) receiving the Most Improved Player Trophy for Division Two from Seniors Captain John Robinson

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